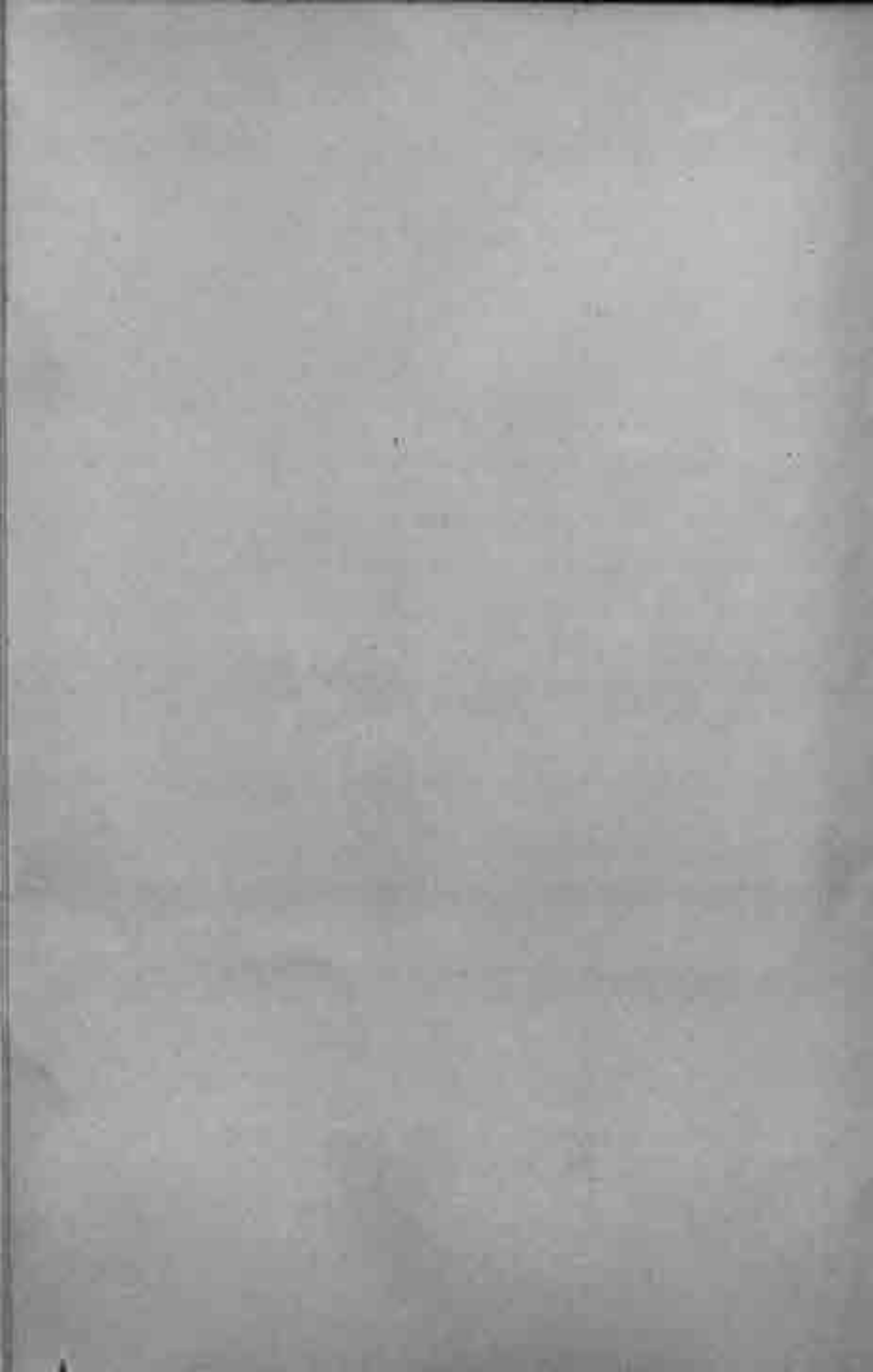


Miss Swaine





*Report No. 139.**3rd January, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD.**

A special meeting of the Board, sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board, was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 3rd day of January, 1952; Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D.; Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Gilbert Hughes, Timothy J. Murray, P.C., Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, Messrs. William Chase, William J. Colman, P.C.; John J. Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Seane Dunne, T.D.; Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.****ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1952/53.**

1. In pursuance of Section 23 of the County Management Act, 1940, I have caused to be prepared an estimate in the prescribed form showing the amounts which, in my opinion,

will be necessary to meet the expenses and to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Board during the financial year ending on 31st March, 1953. A copy of that estimate was sent to each member of the Board on 28th ultimo, together with Printed Report No. 138, which contains the tables and details of the calculations making up the statutory estimate and demand. From these tables it will be noted that, on the basis of the estimate now submitted for the coming year, the total demand would be £599,027, or £37,000 more than the current year's demand, which amounted to £561,427.

#### FINAL FIGURES FOR 1950/51.

2. When the estimates for the current financial year were made twelve months ago it was expected that, at 31st March, 1951, there would be a debit balance of £1,960. The final figure for 1950/51 showed a credit balance of £2,550, which was reasonably close to the estimate.

#### ESTIMATED RESULTS OF 1951/52 WORKING.

3. During the current year additional expenditure, in excess of the amount provided in the official estimate and demand, amounting to a total of £45,980, was authorised by the Board pursuant to Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, for the following purposes:—

<i>Date of Authorisation</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
17th May, 1951	Fuel ... ..	£18,000
21st June, 1951	Farm expenses ...	800
21st June, 1951	Increased salaries and wages ... ..	8,000
20th September, 1951	Farm expenses ...	920
18th October, 1951	Clinic at G.M.H. ...	450

<i>Date of Authorisation</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
18th October, 1951	New internal telephones at G.M.H. ...	650
18th October, 1951	Increased wages for farm workers ...	1,600
20th December, 1951	Farm expenses ...	9,560
20th December, 1951	Fuel ...	8,000
		<hr/> £45,980

From the figures which are now available for expenditure and receipts in the current year to date, it is estimated that the year will actually work out with a debit balance of £18,497. Expenditure is likely to be in excess of the original estimate by £29,983, but receipts are likely to be up by £7,576. The following table shows how the estimated debit balance is arrived at:—

Estimated debit balance from 1950/51 allowed for in 1951/52 demand ...	£1,380
Actual credit balance from 1950/51 ...	2,550
	<hr/> £3,910
Estimated increased receipts for 1951/52 ...	7,576
	<hr/> £11,486
Estimated increased expenditure for 1951/52 ...	29,983
	<hr/> £18,497
Estimated debit balance at 31st March, 1952 ...	<hr/> £18,497

## ESTIMATE FOR COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, 1952/53.

4. The net increase in the estimated expenditure for the coming year is £21,963. There are estimated increases, as set out in Table 3—Expenditure—under nine heads amounting to £40,530 (which are dealt with separately hereunder) but there are estimated decreases under five heads amounting to £18,567. There is an estimated increase in receipts of £1,500.

This increase in expenditure (less increased receipts) and the fact that the opening debit balance is expected to be £17,137 greater than in last year's Estimate, are responsible for the increase in the net demand by £37,600.

The amounts provided under the various heads of expenditure are based generally on current prices and rates of salaries and wages and no special provision has been made for contingencies which cannot be foreseen. The following are the principal heads under which increases appear in the draft estimate:—

## FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

The amount estimated for the current year was £110,000, but as there have already been increases in the prices of eggs, butter and meat, I have considered it prudent to provide another £5,250 for next year.

## FARM EXPENSES.

As reported on 20th December last, the cost of manures, feeding stuffs and livestock has advanced considerably during the current year. The original estimate for this year was £58,000, but the Board has authorised additional expenditure to the extent of £12,880. The Agricultural Manager has submitted a detailed analysis of his require-

ments for next year, on consideration of which I am satisfied that the estimate under this head should be increased by £8,000.

#### HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER SUPPLY.

In view of the rising cost of all fuels and the substantial increases which have already been made in the price of fuel oil, it is necessary to provide another £16,000 for heating during the coming year.

#### SALARIES AND WAGES.

The sum provided in the draft Estimate for 1951/52 was £200,000, but the Board, at its Estimates Meeting in January last, made a special provision of £30,000 to meet increases in salaries and wages which were anticipated for the current year and a further sum of £8,000 was authorised on 21st June last. The estimated expenditure for the coming year is £237,000, which is based on the actual rates of pay at present in operation.

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Details of the Miscellaneous Expenses are given in Table 8 of Report No. 138. It will be noted that there are small increases under a number of headings which total £1,400.

#### LOAN CHARGES.

It will be necessary to raise a ten-year loan immediately to meet the over-expenditure on the loan for the T.B. pavilions and the purchase of laundry equipment for Portrane and kitchen and bakery equipment for Grange-gorman.

#### APPORTIONMENT OF DEMAND.

5. The method of apportioning the expenses between the contributing bodies is set out in Table 6 of Report No. 138. On the basis of the number of chargeable patients from each

area as estimated for 1952/53, the total net requirement has been apportioned as set out in Column 4 of Table B of the Estimate and Demand. After deduction of estimated receipts in respect of paying patients from each area and allowing for the estimated debit balances at 31st March, 1952, the net sums to be demanded, if the estimates as submitted are approved by the Board, will be as follows:—

	1952/53	Last Year
Corporation of Dublin ...	£448,353	£433,013
	(an increase of £15,340)	
County of Dublin ...	£87,959	£76,234
	(an increase of £11,725)	
County of Wicklow ...	£62,715	£52,180
	(an increase of £10,535)	

It will be noted that, although the total increase in the demand is £37,600, the Corporation of Dublin is charged with only £15,340 of that figure although their proportion of the estimated expenses is approximately 75 per cent. The increased demands on County Dublin and County Wicklow are £11,725 and £10,535, respectively. This is due to the fact that the number of chargeable patients from the City has fallen while those from the Counties have risen. Since the Estimates are prepared more than a year in advance, a disproportionate increase in the number of patients from a County operates with double effect on that County's share of the demand, viz.—(i) it makes necessary an upward revision of the County's contribution for the current year, and (ii) it increases the proportion of the estimated expenditure for the coming year. In the case of County Wicklow, the increase from 317 to 338 in their estimated number of patients is largely responsible for the size of the estimated debit balance at 31st March, 1952 (£5,990—out of a total

estimated debit balance of £18,497), as well as increasing their percentage of the estimated net expenditure for 1952/53. A comparatively small increase in numbers has a very substantial effect on the contributions payable by the two counties, particularly, as has happened this year, when the numbers from the City show a tendency to fall. It will be seen from Table 1 of Report No. 138 that, as between year ended 31/3/1946 and the seven months ended 31/10/1951, the average number of patients from Dublin City has increased from 2,507 to 2,630 (an increase of 4.9 per cent. only) while County Dublin patients have increased from 450 to 506 (i.e., by 12.4 per cent.) and County Wicklow patients from 272 to 333 (i.e., by 22.4 per cent.).

6. All the figures in the foregoing report have been certified to me by the Chief Clerk and the Accountant. The estimate has already been approved by the City and County Manager and I recommend it for adoption by the Board.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.

*3rd January, 1952.*

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The draft estimate and the Manager's Report thereon were discussed in detail. The following resolution was proposed by Mr. John Smithers and seconded by Mr. T. O'Reilly:—

"We recommend that the amount provided in the Manager's draft estimate under the heading of Salaries and Wages be increased by a sum of £30,000 as provision for possible increases in the remuneration of the staff during the coming year."

The resolution was put to the meeting and was defeated by fourteen votes to six.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy seconded:—

"That, having carefully examined the estimate of probable balances at the 31st March, 1952, and the various estimates of Receipts and Expenses as set out in detail in Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Report No. 188, and having considered the Manager's Report thereon, we recommend to the Board that the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing financial year, 1952-53, be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman and the Chief Clerk be authorised to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for the following amounts:—

Corporation of Dublin	...	£448,353
County Council of Dublin	...	87,959
County Council of Wicklow	...	62,715
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		£599,027"

Passed unanimously.

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*



*Report No. 140.**10th January, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**BOARD MEETING.**

The statutory Estimates Meeting of the Board and the ordinary stated Monthly Meeting was held in the Board-room, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 10th day of January, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives:*—Alderman Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D., Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, William J. Colman, P.C., Dr. Michael French O'Carroll, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Mrs. Lillie O'Shea Leamy, P.C., Eugene Timmons, P.C., Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, John J. Jones, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives:*—Councillors James Andrews, Joseph Dignam, P.C., Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives:*—Councillors G. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor T. J. Murray.

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The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 137, of the 20th December 1951), were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 19th December 1951, to 9th January 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

On Hospital Register 19th Dec., 1951	Males	Females	Total
...	1602	1953	3555
Admitted to 9th January 1952, & one lodger	22	24	46
Total	1624	1977	3601
Discharged to 9th January 1952	7	13	20
Died to ditto	3	9	12
Escaped to ditto	—	—	—
Remaining on Hospital Register on 9th January 1952	1614	1955	3569
Absent on trial and escape and one on Pass on 9th January 1952	23	27	50
Number actually resident on 9th January 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1591	1928	3519

#### DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	754	1206	1960
Number of Patients in Portrane Hospital	837	722	1559
Total number resident as above	1591	1928	3519

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	...	...	2632
County of Dublin ...	...	...	499
County Wicklow ...	...	...	320
Criminal Lunatics ...	...	...	52
Non-district patients ...	...	...	16
Total			<u>3519</u>

## ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1952-53.

Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded: "That the Manager's Estimate be amended by the addition of £20,000 as provision for possible increases in the remuneration of the staff during the coming year."

A poll being taken, the resolution was declared lost by 13 votes against to 11 votes for, the voting being as follows:—

*For the resolution*:—Councillors Conway, Dr. French, O'Carroll, Larkin, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Dignam, Dunne, McCarthy, Messrs. Chase, O'Reilly and Smithers (11).

*Against the resolution*:—Alderman Butler, Councillors Mrs. Byrne, Colman, Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, Andrews, Taggart, Miss Ennis, C. M. Byrne, Lawless, Messrs. Cahill, Jones, Mrs. Keeble and Mrs. O'Byrne (13).

Councillor Mrs. Nix proposed and Mr. John Cahill seconded the adoption of Report No. 139 of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board of the 8th January, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

Councillor William Lawless proposed and Mrs. C. Keeble seconded: "That the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for

the year ending 31st March 1953, amounting to a net total of £615,930, as set out in Table A of the official Estimate and Demand now submitted, be approved and adopted, and that the Board determines the following to be the amounts to be demanded from the contributing Councils, viz.:—

Corporation of Dublin ...	£448,353
County Council of Dublin ...	£87,959
County Council of Wicklow	£62,715
Total ...	<u>£599,027</u>

and authorities the Chairman and the Chief Clerk to sign the demands on the contributing Councils for these amounts."

*Passed unanimously.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 21st February 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE :

- Councillor D. Larkin (Chairman).
- " Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
- " Mrs. Kathleen Nix.
- " Richard Keane.

##### PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE :

- Councillor D. Larkin (Chairman).
- " Joseph Dignam.
- " William Lawless.
- Mr. T. O'Reilly.

#### PROPOSED LOAN OF £17,000.

The following capital expenditure has been incurred or is contemplated and it will be necessary to make arrangements for financing it:—

(i) Over-expenditure on Loan for T.B. pavilions at Grangegorman ... ..	£1,868
(ii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part I) .....	£2,626
(iii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part II) .....	£5,212
(iv) New Bakery and Kitchen Equipment, Grangegorman ... ..	£4,350
(v) Provision for increased prices, contingencies, etc. ... ..	£1,944
Total ... ..	£17,000

A statement of the expenditure on the T.B. pavilions is contained in Par. 12 of my Report of 15th November 1951, to the Board.

The purchase of Part I of the Laundry Machinery for Portrane was dealt with in my Report to the Board on 11th January 1951, and of Part II in my Report of 19th July 1951. Part of this machinery has been delivered and delivery of the remainder is promised for this year.

The proposal to purchase the bakery and kitchen equipment for Grangegorman was approved by the Board on 20th December 1951, and an outline specification has been submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

I would recommend that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of a sum of £17,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of ten years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the rate for the time being in force as fixed by the Minister for Finance.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.*

4th January 1952.

Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded:—

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £17,000 (Seventeen thousand pounds) for the purpose of defraying the cost of sundry works and equipment as detailed in the Manager's Report dated 4th January 1952.

The said sum of £17,000 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of ten years, with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the rate for the time being in force as fixed by the Minister for Finance."

*Passed unanimously.*

# MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

10th January, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 8th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	753	1206	1959
In Portrane	837	722	1559
<b>Total</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>3518</b>

as compared with:—

8th January, 1951	1586	1033	2619
8th January, 1950	1558	1010	2568
8th January, 1949	1521	1844	3365
8th January, 1948	1483	1814	3297

this year's number being one less than on the corresponding date last year but 221 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. Since 17th ultimo 23 male and 28 female patients were admitted, total 51. Forty-nine of these were chargeable patients, of whom 24 were temporary, 10 were Voluntary and 15 Persons of Unsound Mind. One Voluntary Private Patient was admitted.

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease and no serious accidents to patients since my last Report.

4. Male patient K.B. (1830), a liberty patient, was missed from Grangegorman at bed time on the 27th ultimo. A search of the grounds failed to reveal his whereabouts. The patient returned the following night of his own accord.

Female patient A.H. (42210) left the visiting hall at Grangegorman accompanied by a visitor (her brother) during the forenoon of the 23rd ultimo. She was missed at 1 p.m. and the usual steps were taken to secure her recovery. She was eventually traced to St. Kevin's Hospital, from whence she was brought back by two nurses the same evening. It would appear that the patient made her escape from the visiting hall with the assistance of her brother when the hall was very crowded, and the Chief R.M.S. does not consider that any blame attaches to the staff of the Visiting Hall in connection with this escape.

5. I have received from the Department of Health the Minutes of evidence taken at the Inquiry on Oath held by Dr. V. J. Dolphin, Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals, in Portrane on 18th July, 1951, into the circumstances connected with an injury received by male patient R.L. (35315) and the Minister's observations and instructions thereon. The injury to this patient was reported to the Board on 21st June last.

The Minister points out that the evidence given at the Inquiry showed that written reports about the incident, made by the Charge Nurse and another Male Nurse in No. 5 division, were false and misleading in a number of material respects. The Minister has removed these two nurses from office by Order under Seal, with effect from 31st December, 1951.

The Minister referred to the special observation of troublesome patients, the periodical review of suitable patients in Portrane for active treatment and the standard of nursing in No. 5 division at Portrane. I have asked the Chief R.M.S. for a special report on these matters which I will deal with at an early date.

**6. Accidents to Staff—(Grangegorman).—**Male Nurse P.H. was struck under the left eye with a boot thrown by a patient on the 2nd instant. He was attended to by a Medical Officer and one stitch was inserted but he did not go off duty.

**7. Accidents to Staff—(Portrane).—**J.R., Clerical Officer, has been off duty since the 29th ultimo with a fractured clavicle sustained while he was on leave.

Male Nurse E. L. has been absent since 8th ultimo suffering from an injury to his back which occurred while he was off duty.

T.F., herd, was kicked on the thigh by a cow and was off duty from the 11th to the 23rd ultimo.

P.S., foreman, was butted on the chest by a cow on the 11th ultimo but did not go off duty.

On the 18th ultimo, M.K., temporary farm labourer, turned his hand while attending to the boiler in the dairy in Portrane farmyard and has been off duty since that date.



8. With reference to the Report of Inspection carried out at Portrane on the 21st November by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Nix, Mrs. C. Keeble and Mr. T. O'Reilly, I have to report as follows:—

Item (i). Alterations are being made in the receptacle for the vegetables and a larger strainer will be procured, as recommended by the Visiting Members.

Item (iii). The ironing equipment in the laundry is out of date and it will be replaced in the near future by modern electric irons. The space behind the new drier is being improved and more lighting will be provided. I have agreed to double the cigarette ration to patients in the laundry and general kitchen.

Item (v). New ticken for mattresses is difficult to procure and it is necessary to use the old mattress covers as long as possible. The Acting Branch R.M.S. is considering the desirability of replacing condemned mattresses with modern rubber mattresses which are much more suitable for the comfort and nursing of patients.

9. The Great Northern Railway Co. have informed me that they have arranged to run an extra train from Donabate on Sundays at 5.30 p.m. which will arrive in Dublin at 6 p.m. A bus connection will be provided from Portrane Mental Hospital to Donabate Station at 5.10 p.m. The new arrangement came into operation on Sunday, 6th instant, and it should prove a great convenience to visitors.

10. With the consent of the Minister for Health, I have appointed to the position of Clinical Clerk at Grangegorm for the six months period commencing 1st February, 1952, another Indian doctor who has been nominated by the Hon. General Secretary of the Indian Medical Association.

11. On the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S., I have approved of the expenditure of a sum of £165 on the furnishing of a patients' library in No. 14 division of the female house at Grangegorman. The furnishing consists of arm-chairs, tables, rugs and linoleum for the floor, etc.

12. I should be glad if the Special Building Committee would meet at an early date to consider proposals for the conversion of Portrane House into a new division for male patients and the conversion of the old Laundry adjacent to No. 10 division at Portrane into a Children's Division. Members of the Committee have already inspected these buildings and submitted a report which will be circulated.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

Orders made thereon :—

Par. 5. Proposed by Councillor Sean Dunne, seconded by Councillor B. Conway : " That the Board appeals to the Minister to exercise clemency in the case of the two officers who have been removed from office and to permit their return to the Board's employment in a temporary capacity."

*Passed unanimously.*

Par. 12. Meeting of Special Building Committee to be held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 24th January, 1952.

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 141.**24th January, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of January, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Joseph Dignam, P.C.; W. P. Donohoe, Sean Dunne, T.D.; Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

**REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.***January, 1952.***LIVESTOCK PURCHASED.**

1. Since my last report on 22nd November, 1951, the following cows and heifers have been purchased for the dairy herd:—

	<i>Total cost</i>	<i>Average</i>
47 cows ... ..	£2,548	£54 4s. 1d.
1 heifer ... ..	£42	

2. *Milk Production.*—From 22nd November, 1951, to 4th December, 1951, there were deficiencies in milk supplies to Grangegorman of up to 80 gallons daily, which were met by purchasing. Since 5th December, 1951, there have been full

supplies to both hospitals, with a slight surplus. The present figure of production is 515 gallons daily from 237 cows milking, or slightly more than two gallons per cow daily. There are thirteen cows suckling young calves.

3. Mastitis is still in evidence in the herd, there being two cows recently which did not respond to treatment. However, the disease is being kept under control.

4. *Crops, Tillage, etc.*—The entire potato crop, with the exception of half an acre, had been lifted by 21st December, 1951. The last portion was completed on 15th instant. As a large quantity of potatoes are still in pits and stored in sheds, it is not yet possible to give the exact yield per acre, but it is expected to be less than last year.

The lifting of the fodder beet crop is completed and the beet has been practically all used. The yield is approximately 14 tons of roots and 10 tons of tops per statute acre. The crop was all used for the feeding of milch cows, eight statute acres having been grown.

Thirty-four acres of potato ground have been ploughed. Twenty-eight acres of land have been mole-drained with our own equipment.

5. *Tricomoniasis*.—The Department of Agriculture have treated the two bulls, Craigiemains Talisman and Albert Ambassador 13th, affected with *Tricomoniasis*, but so far it is not possible to state whether the treatment has been successful.

The artificial insemination process is progressing satisfactorily. To date 180 cows have proved in calf, not returning to service.

6. *Santry Court*.—Stock at Santry Court at present consists of 38 calves and 29 in-calf cattle which are being foddered and hand-fed, as there is not much grass available.

7. *Mole-drainage*.—With reference to the query raised at the estimates meeting of the Board on the 3rd instant by Mr. John J. Jones in connection with expenditure on mole drainage in the current year, the following are particulars of work carried out:—

Total expenditure amounted to £900, of which £350 was included in the Annual Estimates, the balance of £550 being excess expenditure. The £900 was used in cutting 8,000 yards of drains, approximately 2 feet deep, laid with 3-inch pipes and filled with suitable stones to within 9 inches of the top. The purchase of about 20,000 field drain pipes and 700 tons of stones is also included in the £900, as well as the hire of machinery for cutting main drains, for which £170 was paid. One hundred and thirty-three acres have now been prepared by this method for mole draining.

The cost per yard of drain laid has been 2/3d. The cost per acre of land so drained has been £6 15s. 4d. The mole draining is at present being carried out by our own tractor and plough in the ordinary course of farm work, and 28 acres have been done to date.

Owing to the change in our tillage policy and a shorter rotation, the plough is being brought around the farm on all arable land suitable for tillage. The present rotation is potatoes on ley followed by a cereal crop laid down to temporary leys. To carry out this policy, the first essential is that the land be drained and dried. The greater portion of the land is heavy and wet and it is most necessary that some form of drainage be undertaken. As mole-drainage is the most economical, this is the method being used. In carrying out this type of drainage it is necessary to make

and lay a number of main drains into which to run the moles, their number and length depending on the contour of the ground.

It is very necessary to continue the mole drainage and sub-soiling of the remainder of the arable land in order to get the greatest benefits from tillage and grazing.

**8. Modernisation of Milking Plant.**—With reference to the suggestion made in Paragraph 6 of the Inspection Report of Visiting Members on 30th October, 1951, re the erection of milking plants at Portrane and Ballymastone farms similar to that at Turvey, this matter was previously considered on 11th April, 1946, and 11th September, 1947.

These proposals, with slight modifications, hold good at present. In the case of the proposal of the 11th April, 1946, it was estimated that the additional labour involved would cost £1,100 annually at that time. At present its estimated cost is £2,200.

To modernise the system at Portrane the following changes would be necessary:—

- (a) The installation of an Auto Recorder milking plant at Portrane.
- (b) Elimination of milking at Ballymastone Farm, which would be used for calf-rearing, strippers and springers. It is not considered necessary to have a modern milking plant at Ballymastone, as the milking on these two farms could be combined in one unit in a modern system at Portrane.
- (c) Erection of new cooling plant and re-erection of sterilising outfit and hot water supply system.

24th January, 1952

The approximate cost of the above works in 1947 was estimated at £3,000. The Chief Engineer has revised these figures at current prices. He estimates the change would now cost approximately £6,500, this taking into account the sterilising and heating outfits already provided at Portrane since 1947.

While I agree that the above changes are very desirable, I am of the opinion the capital outlay of £6,500 involved, and the increased annual labour charge of £2,000, would not be justified in present circumstances.

JAMES HAYES,

*Agricultural Manager.**Order : Noted.*

24th January, 1952.

#### REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

1. *Winter Vegetables and Root Crops.*—The vegetable crops consists of 6 acres of Savoy cabbage, 4 acres broccoli, 3 acres Swede turnips, 3 acres parsnips, 1 acre leeks,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre Brussel sprouts and 6 tons carrots in storage. The spring onion crop is used up and I am supplying leeks as a substitute. They will be more than sufficient to meet the requirements of the two institutions for the next three months.

2. *Spring Cabbage* (9 acres).—This crop is making good progress and the first plantings should be fit for cutting in early April.

3. *Autumn Onions*.—This young crop appears to be promising and, with favourable weather conditions, I should have scallions in late March.

4. *Tillage*.—At the moment we are ploughing 11 acres of old pasture in Spencer's Farm (adjacent to the Patients' Cemetery).

5. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*.—Works in progress at the moment are: Pruning and manuring fruit trees, digging, renovating herbaceous borders and general upkeep of gardens.

#### GRANGEGORMAN.

6. Autumn onions, leeks and lettuce are doing well. All idle ground is ploughed in readiness for spring tillage. Pruning of fruit trees is completed. Recreation ground and shrubberies are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order : Noted.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDEN.

29th November, 1951.

1. We visited Portrane on the 29th November, 1951. We inspected the potato silo and recommended that a concrete apron 6 feet wide be made around this site.

2. Pigs, as usual, are excellent, but we consider the boar is not up to the standard of previous ones.



3. We saw a Friesian bull—one of the two bought in Belfast. Another Friesian bull is affected with contagious disease.

The Farmyard, as usual, was well kept. We were impressed by the fodder beet, which should be very good feeding. We were particularly interested in the Cleaner Pulper.

4. We inspected 37 cows, which for various reasons were cast off for slaughter. One Friesian, unfortunately a reactor, had given 1,000 gallons and is still milking. We saw 14 Springers and two Friesians, the remainder Shorthorns; also a five-year-old bull, eight pigs (baconers), seven others and one that had farrowed the previous night, with her litter of 11. We also saw the sheep. The ensilage looked good (grass and molasses).

5. The field vegetables are extra good, as are the onions and cabbage in the garden, where there was also a good show of flowers. The orchard, where pruning was going on, has been laid down with grass.

#### 6. Stock on PORTRANE.

17 Springing cows, 37 fattening cows, 96 milch cows, 5 bulls, 155 in all, 38 cows, 2 boars, 19 store pigs, 156 bonhams—Total 215.

#### BALLYMASTONE.

68 cows, 49 calves, 1 bull—Total 118.

#### TURVEY.

55 milch cows, 60 dry cows, 17 calves, 32 yearlings, 1 bull—Total 165.

7. We also visited Ballymastone and Turvey and saw the stock in both places. We arrived at Turvey at the milking period. Everything was in perfect order.

Signed: C. M. BYRNE.

T. P. O'REILLY, P.C.

JAMES ANDREWS.

DENIS LARKIN.

*Order : Noted.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th February, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. W. P. Donohoe.

.. W. Lawless.

Mr. John Smithers.

E. M. MURRAY.

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 142.**24th January, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Special Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of January, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, William J. Colman, P.C.; Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble, Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; John J. Jones, T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

Mr. T. Inglis, of Mr. Vincent Kelly's Office, and Mr. B. Chalmers, Chief Engineer, Portrane, were in attendance.

**REPORT OF INSPECTION AT PORTRANE MENTAL  
HOSPITAL BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE HELD  
ON 5th DECEMBER, 1951.**

1. We inspected Portrane House and were accompanied on the inspection by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch Resident Medical Superintendent, and Mr. Chalmers, Chief Engineer. Mr. Chalmers showed us sketch plan of the proposed alterations. It is estimated that if these alterations were made that Portrane House would be suitable for approximately 81 patients and a Nursing Staff of 11. The estimated cost of alterations by direct labour is approximately £7,000

and would, if put in hands immediately, be completed within approximately four or five months, excluding installation of lift and external steel staircases. The House appears to lend itself very readily to the purpose suggested and, since the cost of providing a new building for approximately the same number of patients and staff would probably be in the neighbourhood of £80,000, we recommend that the conversion of Portrane House for the purpose suggested be adopted.

2. Utilisation of Portrane House would, we understand, necessitate building a new residence for the Branch Resident Medical Superintendent, as Portrane House was formerly occupied by Dr. Blake, the former R.M.S., and we would recommend that arrangements would be made for the building of such residence, and would recommend further that a suitable site would be in front and eastward of Portrane House. We were informed by Mr. Chalmers, the Chief Engineer, that the cost of such residence would be in the neighbourhood of £7,600. This, when taking into account the approximate cost of reconverting Portrane House, gives a total cost of approximately £14,000, and would be a very considerable saving as against providing new accommodation for almost 100 patients and staff.

3. With regard to the section of No. 8 Division, known as the "Gondoliers," we are of the opinion that this place should not be used for housing patients. It would mean connecting the "Gondoliers" up with the existing No. 8 Division, and we are of the opinion that the Building Committee of the Board should seriously consider whether No. 8 Division should be used any longer for housing Mental Patients. No. 8 Division is one of the temporary divisions in Portrane, and in our opinion is completely unsuitable for

housing mental patients, and we feel that the time has come when the question of whether patients in the Board's care should any longer be housed in a temporary division such as No. 8 should be considered very carefully.

4. We also inspected the old Laundry building adjacent to No. 10 Division, which it is proposed to reconvert and to build new wings for use as a Children's Block, catering for male and female children. We were informed that the sketch plan provides for accommodation for some 40 children and that it would cater for all the children at present in the care of the Board, both in Portrane and Grangegorman. In view of the urgent necessity for the provision of special accommodation for these young children, we would recommend that the conversion of this building be put in hands as a matter of urgency. We are informed that the approximate cost by direct labour would be in the neighbourhood of £2,300.

5. T.B. UNIT: We examined the proposed site for the additional male and female T.B. unit—eastward of the existing units. The proposal envisaged provides a sheltered corridor almost up to, but not connecting with, the existing buildings. While we feel that the actual site is not ideal, in view of the opinion of Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., that such a unit should be situated so as to get the maximum of sunshine, we recommend the adoption of the proposed site. We understand that the proposed building will cater for approximately 25 male and 25 female T.B. patients.

DENIS LARKIN (Chairman).  
JOHN CAHILL.  
W. J. COLMAN.  
JOHN J. JONES.

Orders made thereon:—

*Par. 1.* Chief Engineer's sketch plan approved. Proposal to be submitted to the Department of Health for approval in principle.

*Par. 2.* Approved in principle for submission to the Department of Health.

*Par. 3.* Architect to examine and report on the suitability of the building known as "The Gondoliers" and consideration of suggestion regarding No. 8 Division deferred.

*Par. 4.* Chief Engineer's sketch plan approved. To be submitted to the Department of Health for approval in principle.

*Par. 5.* Defer.

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 143.**21st February, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****BOARD MEETING.**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of February, 1952. Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A.; Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Senator Michael J. Colgan, William J. Colman, P.C.; Bernard Conway, William P. Donohoe, P.C.; Gilbert Hughes, Anthony Lalor, Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Eugene Timmons, P.C.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; William Chase, John J. Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble, and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 140, 10th January, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 9th January to 20th February, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

On Hospital Register, 9th January, 1952	Males	Females	Total
...	1614	1955	3569
Admitted to 20th February, 1952	Males	Females	Total
...	54	58	112
Total	1668	2013	3681
Discharged	Males	Females	Total
to 20th Feb., 1952	36	42	78
Died to do.	10	11	21
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
Remaining on Hospital Register on 20th February, 1952	1622	1960	3582
Absent on trial and escape on 20th February, 1952	9	10	19
Number actually resident on 20th February, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	Males	Females	Total
...	1613	1950	3563

#### DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital	Males	Females	Total
...	750	1222	1981
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	Males	Females	Total
...	854	728	1582
Total number resident as above	1613	1950	3563



## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2600
County of Dublin	...	...	512
County Wicklow	...	...	325
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	52
Non-district patients	...	...	14
TOTAL			3563

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor C. M. Byrne proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 141 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 24th January, 1952. Passed unanimously.

## SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Cahill proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 142 of the meeting of the Special Building Committee held on the 24th January, 1952. Passed unanimously.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

14th February, 1952.

1. We visited the Hospital on Thursday, 14th February, and had no complaints to make about the patients or their food, but we found the buildings badly in need of repairs.

2. Our first visit was made to the various Male Workshops. The Plumber's Workshop is badly in need of white-

washing and also the Tinsmith's Shop, as they look very dirty compared to the Carpenter's and Weaving Workshops.

The Cobbler's Shop is in very bad condition and the windows look as if they are about to fall out. As there are quite a number of patients working at boot-making or repairing in this workshop, it could be made much more comfortable and brightened up a bit.

Where the Pressing machine is located in the Tailor's Workshop, the ceiling could do with a brush down, as the rest of the building is comparatively clean.

3. The kitchen in the male section was visited just as they were lifting the dinner. As we entered, we were covered in steam, and would recommend that the steam extractors be examined to see if a pipe could not be extended either through the wall or by the ventilator so as to allow the steam to escape more quickly.

The patients were having dinner in the Male Dining Hall and we noticed that all had every generous helpings of potatoes and vegetables and that the meat looked tender and appetising.

The steps leading up to the platform on the left hand side are very badly worn. As the right hand side has been repaired, perhaps the other side will be done soon, to avoid an accident.

The Male Dining Room has the appearance of being very dumpy and is badly in need of re-decorating.

4. In the women's section we noticed some very damp walls—especially in No. 10 End Dormitory. In No. 10 Middle Dormitory the windows are in need of plastering and one window looked very dangerous.

5. In No. 5 outside corridor the walls are very bad and seem to be very damp. They want to be done up badly.

6. In the corridor leading to 22A Division a floor-board is needed, and when this is done we would suggest that the corridor be laid with linoleum, as it is easier to keep clean.

We noticed in Ward 22A that there was no radio. If the existing one has gone beyond repair, perhaps a new one might be installed.

7. St. Ann's, No. 22A, is another place in need of painting.

8. The Women's Day Room has been plastered in places, but very badly done, and we suggest that this room be examined and plastering and painting done.

9. The last place we visited was the Nurses' Home, and we find that some of the walls here also need repainting.

In the Nurses' Recreation Room, the small tables are in need of french polishing.

10. We trust that the materials on order will soon be to hand, as the huge hole dug in the garden of the Nurses' Home is an eye sore and has been there for a considerable time.

All of which we submit as our report.

RICHARD C. KEANE.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

*Order: Received late. Consideration deferred to next meeting.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTBANE.

8th January, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, we inspected the Kitchen and Dining Hall and were present when both the male and female patients were having dinner. While there we received no complaints as to quality or quantity of food served.

2. We also visited the male and female divisions and the male and female hospitals, and found everything in order.

3. We visited the Male Therapy Shop and observed the work being carried on there.

4. We also visited the Female Therapy room and were very pleased with the work being done there. We would like to endorse the complaint made by a previous visiting committee about the lights in this room, as when we were there at 4 p.m. a number of the patients had to cease work the lighting was so bad.

5. We would recommend that an extra attendant be allocated to the Male and Female Therapy rooms, as we understand that during holidays or illness the rooms have to be closed down. In view of the importance of the work and of its beneficial effects on the patients, this closing down should be avoided. These extra attendants would allow the further extension of this type of treatment, and we earnestly recommend consideration of the appointment of the extra attendants.

MRS. E. O'BYRNE.  
SEAN TAGGART.  
W. CHASE.

*Order: See Paragraph 24 of Manager's Report of 21st February, 1952.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

22nd January, 1952.

We visited Portrane Mental Hospital on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1952, and, accompanied by Dr. Sullivan, R.M.S. we visited the Male and Female Nurses' Staff Kitchen, also the General Kitchen and General Dining Hall. We saw the male patients at dinner.

We also visited No. 7 Female Infirmary, No. 7 Epileptic Division, No. 5 Female Refractory, No. 3 Female Senile Patients, and the general Workroom. We had conversations with a number of the patients, and there were no complaints beyond the usual desire to be discharged.

We visited the Laundry and saw the new machines in operation, and there is no doubt they are a great benefit to the laundry service. The sooner the remainder of the machines and Electric Irons are installed the better.

We also inspected the Visiting Halls (Male and Female) and Kitchen in Administration Block, all of which we found in good order.

LIAM O'LAOIGHLEIS.  
THOMAS P. O'REILLY.  
THOMAS DIGNAM.

*Order: Noted.*

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## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 20th March, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

## GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. C. M. Byrne.

.. Gilbert Hughes.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. Mrs. C. Byrne.

.. W. J. Colman.

Mr. John Cahill.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th February, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 13th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	774	1213	1987
In Portrane	881	728	1559
<b>Total</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>3546</b>

as compared with:—

	Males	Females	Total
13th February, 1951	1570	1942	3512
13th February, 1950	1570	1918	3488
13th February, 1949	1531	1845	3376
13th February, 1948	1403	1814	3209

this year's number being 34 more than on the corresponding date last year and 237 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

A patient in No. 5 Division in Portrane became ill on the 12th ultimo and was found to be suffering from enteric fever. He is making satisfactory progress. An investigation of the patients in No. 5 Division is being carried out with a view to discovering if a "carrier" of this infection should exist among them. A patient in No. 4 Division at Portrane was admitted to the infirmary on the 21st January suffering from dysentery. He is making satisfactory progress. No cases of zymotic disease amongst patients in Grangegorman were reported during the past month.

3. Female patient M. B. C. (4271), aged 52 years, who had been under treatment in the infirmary at Grangegorman for about twelve days, died suddenly on the 22nd January. A post-mortem examination showed that the cause of death was coronary thrombosis.

4. Male patient J. J. H. (4319) was allowed out on the recreation grounds at Grangegorman on the 5th instant accompanied by another patient. The former managed to evade observation and escape from the Hospital. He was apprehended by the Gardai the following day in the city and taken to College Street Station, from where he was brought back to the Hospital by two male nurses. The Chief R.M.S. does not attribute blame to any member of the staff in connection with this escape.

Male patient J. O'H. (2883), a liberty patient, was missed from his division on the 4th instant at Grangegorman. On the 6th instant he was apprehended by the Gardai and brought back to the Hospital by two male nurses.

5. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).*—Male patient P. B. (4239) on the 13th ultimo was taken from a room to be visited by his relatives in the ward. He jumped suddenly

from the bed and, rushing towards a glass panelled door, he put his right leg through it, sustaining multiple incised wounds. His injuries were treated by a visiting surgeon to the Hospital. In the circumstances under which the injury occurred, the Chief R.M.S. does not consider that any blame should be attached to the attendant who had charge of the patient, particularly as the patient was not regarded as requiring special attention.

**6. Accidents to Patients (Portrane).—**On the 17th ultimo male patient J. G. (827), when at dinner in the general Dining Hall, suddenly inflicted two slight superficial wounds on his throat with a table knife. He was a working patient and showed no signs of relapse or of depression before this act. In the circumstances, the Acting Branch R.M.S. does not attribute blame to any member of the staff in connection with the incident.

**7. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).—**G. O'D. Compounder, was off duty from the 28th ultimo to the 9th instant suffering from a muscular strain, which may have been caused by lifting a case in the pharmacy.

Male Nurse E. B. was off duty from the 15th to the 20th ultimo as a result of an injury to his left eye inflicted by a patient.

Nurse B. F. was off duty from the 20th to the 22nd ultimo suffering from a facial scald.

Nurse C. G. was off duty from the 22nd to the 28th ultimo with a scalded arm which she sustained while filling a rubber hot water bottle.

J. O'D., works foreman, injured himself by falling off a ladder on the 16th January and was off duty from the 17th



to the 21st ultimo and again from the 23rd ultimo to the 10th instant inclusive.

A number of other accidents to nurses are reported, which did not necessitate their going off duty.

**8. Accidents to Staff (Portrane).—**H. L., juvenile farm labourer, injured his knee on the 31st January by slipping on a tractor trailer and has been off duty since that date.

J. M., farm labourer, injured his left wrist when penning a cow for slaughter and was off duty from the 14th to the 21st January.

T. R., temporary fitter, slipped off a ladder in the laundry on the 2nd January and fractured a bone in his foot. He has been off duty since the date of the accident.

C. H., plumber, was off duty from the 7th to the 20th January suffering from an injury to his foot sustained on the 5th January.

J. D., labourer, slipped on a channel in the waterworks and injured his leg, as a result of which he was off duty from the 1st to the 3rd February.

A number of accidents and injuries to nurses were reported, which did not necessitate their going off duty.

**9.** The construction and decoration of the new out-patients' clinic in the Annexe at Grangegorman is now virtually completed and, on the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S., I have authorised the expenditure of a sum of approximately £260 on the purchase of furniture and medical appliances for it.

I have also authorised the expenditure of a sum of approximately £150 on the laying of linoleum on the floor

of the T.B. unit attached to No. 23 Division at Grangegorman.

10. The Maryland Players gave a concert at Portrane on the 10th ultimo which was greatly enjoyed by the patients. The expenses incurred in giving the concert and the cost of the usual refreshments were defrayed out of Canteen Account.

11. I have received from the Dun Laoghaire Corporation Public Library another consignment of discarded books for use by the patients in Grangegorman. The Corporation make a nominal charge of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per book plus the cost of carriage to Grangegorman.

12. Regular dances for the patients at Grangegorman have been organised after a lapse of some years and, on the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S., I have authorised the issue of cigarettes and sweets to the patients who attend the dances at a cost of about £8 per dance. It is intended that the dances will be held every fortnight during the winter months.

13. Part of the funds held on behalf of patients in the Patients' Private Property Account have been invested from time to time in Dublin Corporation Stock, the present holdings being £500 4½% stock and £800 3% stock. The current account with the Treasurer has become somewhat overdrawn and it has been decided to realize about £300 of the 3% stock in order to reimburse the Bank Account and leave a margin for future drawings.

14. I have received through the Department of Health an application from a Mrs. J. L. for the transfer to Grangegorman of her son, who is at present a patient in Downshire

Hospital in Co. Down. As this lady has been resident in Dublin for the past six years, I have agreed to the admission of her son to Grangegormán on condition that Downshire Mental Hospital will be responsible for the cost of conveying him to Dublin, including the fee for his examination.

15. The Minister's sanction has been obtained to the working drawings prepared by the Architect for the proposed male visiting hall at Grangegormán, subject to certain minor alterations. The Architect has submitted specifications and working drawings for the heating and electrical services, etc., prepared by Messrs. Varming and Mulcahy, Consulting Engineers. These have been transmitted to the Department for Health for approval.

Working drawings of the heating and electrical installations for the proposed female visiting hall at Grangegormán prepared by the Consulting Engineers were forwarded to the Department of Health last month.

16. Mr. J. A. Kenny, M.I.E.E., M.I.C.E.I., Consulting Engineer, has submitted a report setting out his preliminary recommendations regarding the new steam boilers required at Portrane. He has drawn up an outline schedule and specification of the boilers, which he estimates will cost about £35,000 to £38,000. These estimates refer to the boilers and equipment only, but erection of the plant, together with the remainder of the boilerhouse installation, will be the subject of a separate contract which must await the presentation and discussion of Mr. Kenny's full report. Since boiler plants are available only on extended delivery, he considers that a considerable amount of time could be saved by inviting tenders for the steam boilers now, pending submission of the full report. Mr. Kenny's schedule and

specification of the boilers have been submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

17. Tenders were recently invited from the principal specialist firms for the supply of cooking equipment for Portrane, and, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the following:—

J. A. STOTT & Co.

One "Glow Worm" cooker for No. 10	
Division ... ..	£87 7s. 3d.
One water heater for general kitchen	£123 8s. 0d.

IRISH FOOD MACHINES, LTD.

Six steam jacketted tea stills ...	£61 3s. 6d. each
Twelve "Multipot" tea distributing urns ... ..	£9 10s. 0d. each

Provision for this expenditure was made in current year's estimate.

18. Tenders were invited for the following supplies, and the lowest tender received was accepted in each case:—

JAMES DABBY, TULLAMORE.

50 tons Firewood Blocks @ £3 5s. 0d. per ton.

B. O'ROURKE & Co., LTD., DUNDALK.

3 tons of Flake Oatmeal @ 63/- per cwt.

C. P. HACKETT.

Seeds and Sundries for Grangegorman £128 19s. 0d.

THOMAS MACKENZIE.

Seeds and Sundries for Portrane ... £129 2s. 0d.

PAUL A VINCENT, LTD.

23 tons Muricate of Potash @ £17 15s. 0d. per ton

2 tons Sulphate of Potash @ £24 2s. 6d. per ton

JOSEPH MCGINNITY, BLACKROCK, Co. LOUTH.

35 tons Sulphate of Ammonia @ £22 10s. 0d. per ton

5 tons Nitro Chalk @ £19 10s. 0d. per ton.

19. The Board's Treasurer has allowed interest amounting to £215 17s. 0d. on the balances standing to credit of the sundry Bank Accounts during the six months ended 31st December, 1951.

20. On the 21st June last the Board adopted a recommendation of the Agricultural Committee for the sale to the Dublin County Council for housing purposes of a field at Ballalesse South for the sum of £1,100. The consent of the Minister for Health to this sale was obtained on the 24th September last. I am now informed by the Dublin County Council that it is their intention to purchase an eight-acre field from Mr. Joseph Keeling, Donabate, and then to transfer to Mr. Keeling, by way of exchange, the ten-acre field purchased from the Board. The County Solicitor has advised that the proper and most economical procedure is to arrange a transfer of the ten-acre field direct to Mr. Keeling as nominee of the Council. There appears to be no objection to this being done, but the Law Adviser considers that the formal sanction of the Minister for Health should be obtained to the transfer of the land to Mr. Keeling, and application has been made for his sanction accordingly.

21. The Chief Clerk has received an acknowledgment from the Department of Health of his letter of the 11th January transmitting a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its last meeting asking the Minister to exercise clemency in the case of two male nurses at Portlano who had recently been removed from office by sealed order.

22. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in December last:—

Twenty-one Grangegorman candidates (3 male and 18 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 3 were successful (one male and two females). Eleven candidates (one male and ten female attendants and nurses) sat for the Final Examination, of whom 8 were successful (one male and seven female attendants and nurses).

Ten Portrane candidates (3 male and 7 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom one female attendant was successful. Four female attendants sat for the Final Examination, two of whom were successful.

I have asked the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. for their observations on the unsatisfactory results obtained in the Preliminary Examination.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

21st February, 1952

23. Since 8th ultimo 50 male and 56 female patients were admitted, total 106. One hundred and three of these were chargeable patients, of whom 58 were temporary, 23 were voluntary, 20 were Persons of Unsound Mind, one was admitted under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, and one by order of the Minister for Justice. Two temporary and one voluntary Private Patients were admitted.

24. With reference to the report of inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillor Sean Taggart, Mrs. E. O'Byrne and Mr. W. Chase on 8th January last:—

*Item 4.* The Chief Engineer has not so far had an electrician available to do this work, but he will have the matter attended to in the near future.

*Item 5.* The Acting Branch R.M.S. informs me that the Occupational Therapy Departments are closed only in exceptional circumstances, e.g., when the staff is reduced abnormally during an epidemic. He considers that one nurse is adequate for the Female O.T. department. Arrangements have been made to connect the Male O.T. room proper with the adjoining Carpenter's Shop by breaching the dividing wall. This will ensure that the patients will be supervised by two members of the staff. At present there are only three patients in the Carpenter's Shop.

25. The Steward at Santry Court has reported another theft of lead from the roof of the main building at Santry Court, which he discovered on 13th instant. The Guards have been notified.

26. I have agreed to grant to employees who cultivate plots on Portrane Estate one load of farmyard manure free, and the use of a horse and cart to draw it. Employees who cultivate plots outside the Estate may purchase a load for ten shillings.

27. Mr. Christopher O'Shea did not attend the meeting of the Board held on 16th August, 1951, or any subsequent meeting, and his membership automatically terminated on

16th instant, The Clerk to the Council, Dublin Corporation, has been notified accordingly.

JOHN P. KEANE,  
*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

*Orders made thereon:—*

Par. 10. The best thanks of the Board to be conveyed to the Maryland Players.

Par. 20. Proposed by Councillor James Andrews, seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman: " That Paragraph 20 of the Manager's Report of the 15th February, 1952, be approved and adopted." Passed unanimously.

Par. 22. Consideration deferred pending submission of Report from Chief R.M.S.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 6th February from the Clerk to the Council, Corporation of Dublin, concerning the disqualification of Councillor Thomas Cosgrave from membership of the Board by reason of non-attendance, and stating that Councillor Cosgrave was reappointed at a meeting of the City Council held on the 4th February.

*Order: Noted.*  
E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*  
JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

FALCONER, DUBLIN.



## Report No. 144.

28th February, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of February, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, W. P. Donohoe, P.C.; William Lawless, Miss M. C. Ennis, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

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### REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

28th February, 1952.

1. *Purchased Cows*.—Since my last report on 24th January, 1952, it has not been necessary to purchase any milch cows. During the year ending 31st December, 1951, a total of 125 cows, including three in January, 1952, as compared with 192 in 1950, and 165 for 1949, were purchased.

2. *Milk Production*.—Since my last report, milk supplies to both hospitals have been maintained at an adequate level. The 248 cows milking are yielding 544 gallons daily, on average of 2½ gallons per cow.

3. *Mastitis*.—Constant attention is being given to this disease and most cases of it are responding to treatment.

4. *Tricomoniasis*.—A report has been received from the Veterinary Research Department on the treatment of the Shorthorn bull, Albert Ambassador 18th, and the Friesian bull, Craigmains Talisman, for *Tricomoniasis*. On the last examination of these two bulls they were found to be free of the disease, and they will now be used on a limited scale as a further test in the Portraue herd. Twenty cows have been examined and selected for use in this trial, ten with each bull. It is also intended to use Albert Ambassador 18th for insemination purposes, as he is suitable. Craigmains Talisman is not suitable for the collection of semen. The two-year-old Friesian bull, Gerrardstown Esquire, has been tried out on a number of cows and heifers and has proved free of the disease. This bull is now running with a batch of heifers. He will be sold in the near future, as there is no further use for him. Artificial insemination is working very satisfactorily and the cows are proving in calf.

5. *Crops, tillage, etc.*—In addition to the sowing of eight statute acres of winter wheat, which was done on the 19th instant, ploughing, mole-draughting, and the spreading of artificial and farmyard manure have been carried out.

6. *Santry Court*.—The stock at Santry Court, consisting of forward springers and calves, are being foddered with hay and concentrates.

JAMES HAYES,

*Agricultural Manager.*

*Order. Noted and approved.*

## REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

28th February, 1952.

1. *Crops*.—The area remaining under winter crops are four acres Savoy cabbage, 5 acres broccoli, 3 acres Swede turnips,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre leeks, 40 tons parsnips and 5 tons carrots are in clamps. Nine acres Spring cabbage and two acres of Autumn onions are doing very well. Some of these crops should be fit for use in April.

2. *Tillage*.—Twenty-four acres have been ploughed, and at the moment 10 acres are being prepared for Spring onions and parsnips.

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*.—Work carried out in this section was as follows: Completed manuring and pruning of fruit trees, digging and preparing seed beds, sowing peas and flowering annuals, and ploughing one acre of reclaimed garden for re-seeding.

## GRANGEGORMAN.

4. Ploughing and digging vacant ground, preparing seed beds, planting shrubs and general upkeep of recreation grounds.

## SANTRY GARDENS.

5. Pruning and manuring fruit trees, digging and manuring vacant ground, scuffling walks and preparing glasshouses for tomato planting.

A. WOJLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order. Noted and approved.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDENS.

26th September, 1951.

1. We visited Portrane Farms and Gardens on the 26th September. We were informed that Mr. O'Keefe was away on holidays and Mr. Hayes was absent purchasing a Hereford bull. Mr. Sheridan, the Farmyard foreman, gave us every assistance, but due to his many calls he was unable to be with us all the time on our tour of inspection. While not attempting to dictate to our farm officials how the place should be run, we would like to report that on that day we found a grave lack of supervision, and we are satisfied that under the present system this is no fault of the Farmyard foreman, who seemed to have had far too many duties to perform. We understand, of course, that the day in question could have been an abnormal one, due to our Agricultural Manager and Adviser being absent.

2. It was lucky for everyone concerned that we elected to visit one of our cow byres when we did, as we believe we saved some cows that were housed that day from serious injury, due to the cows that had been allowed out for a run coming into the house unattended and getting across the chains of the tied-up cows.

3. We are of the opinion that if it is possible to obtain more mature men for employment we should do so, as we observed a lot of lads that, in our estimation, are in need of strict training and require far more supervision than we can apparently afford to give them.

4. We noticed a large number of cows not up to the standard one would expect to see at Portrane, and we were informed they were earmarked for slaughter.

5. It always gives us pleasure to inspect the pigs, as they invariably give the impression that they would compare favourably with any herd in the country.

6. Ballymestone and Turvey were visited and we found everything satisfactory and in good order.

7. Mr. Sheridan explained the process of Artificial Insemination in full detail, and, while the earlier stages were interesting, we found that, as the actual operation was performed, the whole system is against all the laws of nature and should not be tolerated by any responsible group or Board. We would draw your attention to the fact that it takes three people to inject (if that is the right word) a cow, and that surely bears out our contention that the system is against the law of nature.

8. Mr. Wolohan showed us over the gardens, the state of which reflects great credit on himself and staff. We thank him for his courtesy, and we are grateful to Mr. Sheridan for his help on our tour of inspection.

L. O'LAOIGHLEIS,

WILLIAM P. DONOHUE,

JAMES ANDREWS,

T. P. O'REILLY.

*Order. Agricultural Manager to submit his observations on the matters dealt with in this report and the report submitted by the members who inspected the farms on 5th February, 1952.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS.

5th February, 1952.

1. We inspected Portrane, Turvey, and Ballymastone Farms on 5th February. Mr. Hayes explained the various works being carried out at present, and our tour of inspection was highly interesting.
2. We would like to see further improvements to our silo pit at Turvey, and we understand this year will see it completed. The silage there, while very good, is not up to last year's standard.
3. We inspected about 60 tons of potatoes and found them in excellent condition. Cows looked well cared for and everything was in good order on this most up-to-date farm.
4. At Ballymastone we inspected some splendid calves and young heifers, and we formed the opinion that the experiment of rearing the calves on the cows has been fully justified.
5. We observed a fine field of young cabbage, and we consider it was a great achievement to have tilled and cultivated this field so quickly after the onion crop had been harvested last autumn.
6. The cows at Portrane have improved somewhat from a milk strain point of view, and a couple of years should show a decided change for the better.
7. Young pigs were not up to usual standard, due mostly to very severe weather preceding our visit. They are well housed, as usual, and there is no reason to think that our pigs are deteriorating in any way. The silage at this farm is up to the highest standard, and the expense of constructing this pit has been more than justified.

8. We witnessed the operation of Artificial Insemination and opinions are divided as to advisability of the whole scheme.

9. We would like a report setting out the duties of:—

1. The Yard foreman.
2. The attendants in charge of patients working on our farms, and
3. Details of all supervisory staff under our Farm Manager.

10. During our tour we had a few complaints regarding the quality of the beef served and we inspected the Stores.

We found the bacon and mutton of the highest quality and all the beef cow beef. We were informed that due to the large number of cows for slaughter no outside stock, *i.e.*, bullocks or heifers had been purchased since early December, but Mr. Hayes informed us that the position would be changed, as our stock of cows for slaughter was nearly finished.

We recommend that in future we should purchase a certain number of bullocks and heifers all the year round and thereby eliminate complaints that nothing only cow beef is being served.

We thank Mr. Hayes for his assistance on our inspection, also Mr. Sheridan.

JOHN SMITHERS.

W. P. DONOHUE, P.C.

W. LAWLESS.

DENIS LARKIN.

*Order. See order on Report of Inspection for the 28th September, 1951.*

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to the 27th March, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

„ James Andrews.

„ C. M. Byrne.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*



## Report No. 145.

20th March, 1952

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 20th day of March, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Alderman Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D.; Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A.; Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C.; Gilbert Hughes, Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; John J. Jones, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers and Richard Lawless and Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Seane Dunne, T.D.; Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

The minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 143, 21st February, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 20th February to 19th March, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 20th February, 1952 ...	1622	1960	3582
Admitted to 20th February, 1952 ...	43	52	95
Total ...	1665	2012	3677
Discharged to	Males	Females	Total
19th March, 1952	18	23	40
Died to do.	6	14	20
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
Remaining on Hospital Register on 19th March, 1952 ...	24	36	60
Absent on trial and escape on 19th March, 1952 ...	1641	1976	3617
Number actually resident on 19th March, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book ...	16	17	33
Number actually resident on 19th March, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book ...	1625	1959	3584

#### DISTRIBUTION

Number of Patients in Grangeor-man Mental Hospital ...	775	1239	2014
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	850	720	1570
Total number resident as above ...	1625	1959	3584

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2669
County of Dublin	...	...	520
County Wicklow	...	...	331
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	51
Non-district patients	...	...	13
TOTAL			3584

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Beilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 144 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th February, 1952. *Passed unanimously.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

6th March, 1952.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Thursday, 6th March, and, accompanied by Dr. Aird, inspected the male side of the Hospital, where everything was in perfect order; all the patients appeared quite happy and well cared for.

2. In the Dining Hall a very fine meal was being served and no complaints were received, other than requests for discharge from a few patients. With the fine weather now coming on, the repainting of the walls and ceiling of this Dining Hall might be undertaken, as it looks very badly in need of same.

3. In the workshops everything was proceeding normally and the patients quite cheerful. A special effort might be made to dispose of the waste in the tailor's workshop as it is an obstruction. The boot and textile workshops reflect great credit on all concerned. The sheet metal workshop could do with a general cleaning up as the walls and ceiling require whitewashing or painting.

4. We visited the T.B. pavilions and found things very satisfactory. The gardens are beginning to take shape, but the bad day prevented us from seeing them to the best advantage.

5. The therapy workshops showed us some magnificent work being carried out and the finished products were really beautiful. Time did not permit of a detailed inspection of the female section and we do not propose to comment on what little we had time to seen on this occasion.

GILBERT HUGHES.

C. M. BYRNE.

*Order: See Manager's report of this date.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

26th February, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., we inspected Portrane Mental Hospital on Tuesday, 26th February, 1952.

Several reports have already been submitted regarding the condition of No. 8 Temporary Division, and we think that as we are about to convert Portrane House for the

accommodation of patients it might be possible to include in this scheme the building of a Staff Kitchen at the rear of this house.

2. Preparations are nearing completion in the Laundry for the installation of new machinery, and machinery recently fitted is giving satisfaction; so that our Laundry in the very near future should be as up-to-date as the commercial concerns.

3. We were present in the Dining Hall for the male and female patients' dinners and no complaints were received. Our inspection included male and female divisions and workshops, and we found the usual cleanliness and tidiness of dormitories, etc., and the workshops were all busy.

4. We received a request for a wireless set from the Male Infirmary, and, while we are anxious that the Board should approve of same, we would suggest that consideration would be given to the installation of a Master wireless set that would include the up-to-date method of telephone or broadcast messages and it is possible that it could be installed in conjunction with the re-wiring of our telephone system.

J. CAHILL.

W. COLMAN.

*Order: See Manager's report of this date.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 17th April, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

## GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" William J. Colman, P.C.

Mr. John Cahill, P.C.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" James Andrews.

" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

14th March, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 11th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	767	1224	1991
In Portrane	850	722	1572
	1617	1946	3563

as compared with:—

11th March, 1951	1573	1937	3508
11th March, 1950	1570	1928	3498
11th March, 1949	1527	1857	3384
11th March, 1948	1511	1816	3327

this year's number being 55 more than on the corresponding date last year and 296 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).*—While male patient T. C. (2835) was being bathed on the 19th ultimo it was noticed that his right shoulder was bruised. The patient stated that he fell on his right shoulder while tricking with another patient. He is an epileptic and shows well-marked deformity of the upper and lower limbs. An X-ray report disclosed a fracture of the tip of the upper end of clavicle with no displacement. The Chief R.M.S. does not attribute blame to any member of the staff in connection with this occurrence, which has been reported to the Minister for Health.

4. *Accidents to Patients (Portrane).*—On the 8th ultimo male patient C. B. (42355), aged 75 years, became weak while walking in the exercise grounds and the Charge Nurse, who noticed his condition, made an effort to catch the patient and prevent his falling. In the effort the patient was swung around rather awkwardly and, probably owing to the abnormal brittleness of his bones, received a fracture of his left tibia. In the circumstances, the Acting Branch R.M.S. considers that the accident was unavoidable and that no blame can be attached to the nurse. The accident has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. *Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).*—On the 28th ultimo Male Nurse J. F. accidentally cut his right thumb with a scissors. Three stitches were inserted by a Medical Officer but the nurse did not go off duty.

Nurse A. K. was attacked on the 21st ultimo by a patient who pulled her hair and attempted to choke her. She was treated by a Medical Officer and was off duty for a few hours.

Nurse M. S. slipped when on duty on the 12th ultimo and spilt boiling water over her right wrist, causing a burn, but she did not go off duty.

P. S., labourer, was off duty from the 16th ultimo to the 1st instant with an injury to his knee, which occurred when he was cycling.

6. *Accidents to Staff (Portlano).*—On the 17th ultimo Nurse R. W. was kicked on the left leg by a refractory patient and she was off duty from the 19th to the 22nd ultimo.

On the 20th ultimo Nurse M. A. B. was kicked on the legs by a patient but did not go off duty.

T. L., farm labourer, injured his foot with a fork on the 3rd ultimo and was off duty for five days.

J. G., juvenile, injured the fingers of his left hand on the 28th ultimo but did not go off duty.

E. D., farm labourer, strained his back while loading a trailer in Santry Court on the 22nd ultimo and is still off duty.

7. A very enjoyable pantomime was performed for the patients at Portlano by the Rush Players on the 10th February, and on the 17th ultimo two plays with concert items were performed by the St. Patrick Players, Donabate. The cost of the Players' transport and the usual refreshments are being defrayed from Canteen Account.



8. Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, has submitted a specification for the new Male Visiting Hall at Grangegorman. It is being transmitted to the Department of Health with a request for early approval in order that the external repair work may be carried out during the coming spring and summer.

9. The usual claim has been submitted to the Department of Justice for the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Board's Hospitals during the year ended 31st March, 1951, at a total net cost of £4,332.

10. The Chief B.M.S. has received from the Chairman of the Central Committee for Rehabilitation of the Tuberculous a request for orders for making up sheets, pillow cases, nurses' uniforms, etc., required for the Board's Hospitals. The Committee has established a workshop in Pleasants Street, where they are teaching girls the dress-making trade, and they are anxious to obtain orders of this sort in order to reduce the deficit on the operation of the workshop. I have arranged with the Committee to send a representative to interview the Storekeeper at Grangegorman and I am sure the Board will be anxious to assist the Committee.

11. I have renewed for a further twelve months from the 1st April next the contract with Mr. James V. Reilly for window cleaning at Grangegorman on the same terms as before, *viz.*, for a quarterly payment of £40.

12. Tenders were recently invited by public advertisement for grass and clover seeds, etc., required for Portrane Farm, and, on the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the following as being the most advantageous to the Board;—

ROWAN & CO.—20 barrels Swedish Herta seed barley for £140.

T. B. LOCK & SONS, LTD., Yeovil, Somerset—173 lbs. New Zealand Mother White Clover at 4/6d. per lb., £38 18s. 6d.

I.A.W.S., Thomas Street—1,035 lbs. H.L. Ryegrass for £60; 1,035 lbs. Italian Ryegrass for £44.

TOWNSEND FLAHAVAN SEEDS, LTD.—690 lbs. S.37 leafy Cocksfoot for £77 12s. 6d.; 460 lbs. English Broad Red Clover for £51 15s. 0d.

DARDIS & DUNNS SEEDS, LTD.—250 lbs. Hunshall X Fodder Beet Seed for £25.

13. Offers were also invited by advertisement for scrap metal and obsolete laundry machinery at Portrane, and, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the following:—

LEAD—J. Collins & Son at £5 0s. 0d. per cwt.

BRASS—J. Collins & Son at £7 0s. 0d. per cwt.

CAST IRON—Hendron Bros. at £8 0s. 0d. per ton.

STEEL—J. Collins & Son at £3 10s. 0d. per ton.

TWO ROLL IRONING MACHINES—J. Collins & Son at £28 15s. 0.

TWO WASHING MACHINES—J. Collins & Son at £46 10s. 0d.

HOFFMAN PRESS—J. Collins & Son at £4 15s. 0d.

TWO HYDRO EXTRACTORS—J. Collins & Son at  
£24 15s. 0d.

36" HYDRO EXTRACTOR—J. Collins & Son at £15 5s. 0d.

26" HAND HYDRO—J. Collins & Son at £4 5s. 0d.

FOUR ROLL IRONING MACHINE—J. Collins & Son at  
£45 15s. 0d.

14. The suppliers of yeast to Grangegorman and Portrane have advised a reduction in their price from 63/6d. to 62/- per 56lbs., with effect as and from the 1st March.

15. I have appointed Mr. P. L. Farrell, Accountant and Auditor, to take stock in the Board's Hospitals for the half-year ended 31st March, 1952, and to audit the Canteen Accounts for the following fees:—

Hospital Stocks, Grangegorman and	
Portrane ... ..	£40 15s. 0d.
Stocks in Engineers' Departments	£39 7s. 6d.
Audit, etc., of Canteen Accounts ...	£7 7s. 0d.

16. I have also appointed Messrs. Ganly & Sons to value the livestock and produce on the Board's farms and gardens at the 31st March next for a fee of twenty-five guineas.

17. I have received a request from the staff at Portrane for the provision of a tennis court and, after consultation with the Acting Branch R.M.S., I have agreed to have three tennis courts laid out in the grass plot opposite the Administration Block.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

## MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

20th March, 1952.

18. Since 19th ultimo 54 male and 53 female patients were admitted, total 107. One hundred and five of these were chargeable patients, of whom 55 were temporary, 25 were voluntary, 22 were Persons of Unsound Mind, one was admitted under Section 209 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, one by order of the High Court and one by Order of Minister for Justice. Two temporary Private Patients were admitted.

19. With reference to the Report of Inspection at Grange-gorman carried out by Councillor Mrs. C. Byrne and Councillor Richard Keane on the 14th February:—

*Item (ii)* The Clerk of Works has in hands the external renovation of the carpenter's yard, where the workshops mentioned are located, and this must be completed before internal cleaning is undertaken.

The shoemaker's workshop is one of the temporary wooden buildings erected some 60 years ago and it presents rather a problem. The roof is in very poor condition and very extensive repairs may have to be carried out in the near future. The difficulty is that the age and condition of the building would hardly justify any considerable expenditure on it and, at the same time, there is no alternative accommodation available for the shoemaker and the weaver. I will look into this matter to see if some solution cannot be found.

The ceiling over the pressing machine in the tailor's shop will be attended to.

*Item (iii)* The trouble in the male kitchen is caused by a potato steamer which was installed temporarily for use once a week until such time as a hot press can be provided. Provision for the hot press has been made in the coming year's estimates, and in the meantime it does not appear desirable to incur any expense in remedying the present state of affairs.

The steps in the male patients' dining hall have been repaired and the dining hall is to be redecorated this year.

*Item (iv)* There are some small damp patches in No. 10 Division and some minor plastering repairs are necessary which will be carried out. It was not found possible to identify the dangerous window to which the Visiting Members refer.

*Item (v)* The redecoration of the corridor in No. 5 hospital has been deferred until a decision is arrived at about the establishment of a new treatment centre there. The dampness was due to a fault in the external pointing, which has been attended to.

*Item (vi)* The loose floor board has been nailed down and the floor will be covered with linoleum.

*Item (vii)* The Clerk of Works does not consider that St. Anne's Division is in need of painting. Perhaps the Visiting Members for next month could inspect it with him.

*Item (viii)* In the corridor adjacent to the Women's Dayroom some plastering repairs have not yet been painted, but they will be attended to as soon as possible.

*Item (ix)* The halls and corridors of the Nurses' Home were redecorated last year and they are considered to be

in good condition. Possibly the Visiting Members refer to some of the individual nurses' rooms. These rooms are redecorated if necessary when they are vacated, and the Clerk of Works will attend to them if circumstances permit. He will also see to the french polishing of the tables in the nurses' recreation room.

*Item (x)* The excavation of the garden in the Nurses' Home is for a booster pump on the water supply to the home. Materials for this job have been on order since November last, but it has not been found possible to obtain complete delivery of them.

20. With reference to the Report of Inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillor W. J. Colman and Mr. John Cahill on the 26th February:—

*Item (i)* I am looking into the question of the kitchen, etc., in No. 8 Division and I will report again at a later date.

*Item (ii)* The Chief Engineer is obtaining estimates of the cost of installing a master wireless set.

21. The following are particulars of tenders for general supplies accepted for the six months period commencing 1st April, 1952:—

FRANK QUINN & Co.		Price April, 1952.		Price April, 1951.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Beef ...	d/d G'gorman	9	13 8 cwt.	7	9 4 cwt.
Mutton ...	do.	11	1 8 "	10	7 8 "
Sheep Liver ...	do.	0	2 3 lb.	0	2 0 lb.
Mutton Cutlets	do.	0	2 6 "	0	2 6 "

It will be noted that the price of beef has increased by more than 25% since last year.

## PATRICK MURPHY.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Irish Creamery Butter	d/d G'orman	13 17 4 cwt.	14 0 0 cwt.
		Less 5s. per box for empties.	
Imported Butter	do.	15 7 4 cwt.	13 10 0 cwt.

## JOHN CLARKE &amp; SONS, LTD.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Irish Creamery Butter	d/d Portrane	15 17 10 cwt.	14 0 6 cwt.
		Less 5s. per box for empties.	
Imported Butter	do.	15 7 10 cwt.	13 12 4 cwt.

## M. &amp; P. HANLON, LTD.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cod, Hake or Haddock	d/d G'orman	0 2 6 lb.	0 2 3 lb.
	d/d Portrane	0 2 6½ "	
Whiting	d/d G'orman	0 0 11 "	0 0 11 "
	d/d Portrane	0 0 11½ "	
Chickens	d/d G'orman	0 4 9 "	0 4 3 "
	d/d Portrane	0 4 10½ "	

## N. LAMBERT.

		£ s. d.
Pork Sausages	d/d G'orman and Portrane.	0 1 11 lb.

## HILL &amp; SONS, LTD.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Woolen Yarn	d/d G'orman or	0 6 8 lb.	0 14 6 lb.
Finishing Twend	f.o.r. Ambles Street.	0 0 11½ yd.	0 0 10½ yd.

22. The Department of Local Government has informed me that there is no objection to the outline schedule of accommodation for the new admission hospital at Grange-gorman provided certain amendments are made, which I have referred to the Architect. The Department has directed that a detailed schedule of accommodation be prepared now and submitted for approval.

23. In September, 1950, Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, estimated that the conversion of the old laundry at Grangegorman into a new male visiting hall and O.T. Department would cost £20,000, plus £1,000 for contingencies. Since that date wages and the price of materials have increased considerably and certain additions have been made to the original plan. The Architect now estimates the all-in cost at £24,487.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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*Orders made thereon:*

Par. 7. The best thanks of the Board to be conveyed to the Rush Players and the St. Patrick Players, Donabate.

Par. 10. Approved.

Par. 12. Referred to Agricultural Committee.

Par. 17. Approved.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter dated 6th March from the Clerk to the Council advising that the Dublin City Council at its meeting on the 3rd March appointed Mr. Richard Lawless, 16 Nottingham Street, Dublin, to fill the vacancy on the Board which arose from the termination of Mr. Christopher O'Shea's membership on the 16th February. *Noted.*



2. Letter dated 19th March from the Hon. Secretary, Clonliffe Harriers, asking if the Board would rent them a plot of about six or seven acres at Santry Court for use as a Sports Field. *Refer to Agricultural Committee.*

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

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## Report No. 146.

27th March, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

### AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 27th day of March, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, W. P. Donohoe, P.C.; Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

### REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

27th March, 1952.

1. *Milk Supplies*.—Since my last report of the 26th ultimo no further milch cows were purchased. Milk supplies to both hospitals have been maintained at adequate levels. The 240 cows at present milking are yielding around 540 gallons daily—an average of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—A few cases of mastitis occurred during the month, but they all responded to treatment.

3. *Tricomoniasis*.—The two bulls, Albert Ambassador 13th and Craigiemains Talisman, are being tested on a limited scale and so far results are satisfactory. Artificial insemination is progressing satisfactorily and practically all cows are proving incalf. A small number are proving difficult to get incalf.

4. *Grass*.—Due to the exceptionally mild weather during the past month and due to the application of artificial manures to the pastures, grass has made very satisfactory growth and the rotation pastures were ready for grazing on a limited scale as follows:—

PORTRANE—Ryegrass - rape (sown August, '51), grazed with milch cows 5/3/1952.

Ryegrass - clover, grazed with 62 milch cows 12/3/1952.

BALLYMANTONE—Ryegrass - clover, grazed with 57 milch cows, 14/3/1952.

TURVEY—Ryegrass - clover, grazed with 60 milch cows 14/3/1952.

5. *Crops and Tillage*.—Forty acres of spring wheat have been sown. Forty-one acres of ley ground have been dressed with farmyard manure in preparation for the potato crop. Ploughing and tilling of ground for potatoes is in progress. Artificiala are being applied to pastures.

6. *Santry Court*.—The present livestock at Santry is 38 calves (one-year-olds), eight heifers (1½ to 2 years) and eight dry cows. Grass is beginning growth on this farm, and at present pastures are receiving a dressing of artificial manures. Ten acres of ley are ploughed, which will be sown with barley and undersown with grass seeds.

7. With regard to the order made at the last meeting of the Agricultural Committee on the inspection reports of the 26th September, 1951, and the 5th February, 1952, I wish to give the following observations on the matters raised:—

**REPORT OF 26th SEPTEMBER, 1952.**

Par. (i) The facts stated here are correct. The Agricultural Adviser and myself were unavoidably absent on that day and only Mr. Sheridan was available. He was exceptionally busy at this particular period because artificial insemination had started a few days previously and a very large number of cows had to be inseminated daily on all farms, necessitating his absence from Portrane Yard. When artificial insemination was started it became obvious that it would be necessary to have an extra charge hand in Portrane Farmyard who would be responsible for the milking staff and would be in charge during the foreman's absence. A recommendation to this effect was made by me to the Manager on the 8th November, 1951, which he accepted, and the Minister's sanction was requested to the payment of an extra 10/- per week for this position, which includes also the care of the milking plant, for which 2/6d. per week is at present paid. The Minister sanctioned only 5/- per week inclusive of the care of the milking plant, but none of the staff would accept the charge position for the amount sanctioned. Ten shillings per week is the minimum which could be offered for the extra responsibility involved and the Minister has been requested to reconsider his decision.

Par. (ii) The loose cows which were found in the Back Shed by the Visiting Committee had been out in an adjacent field but got into the shed because the gate of that field was left open by someone unknown. This happened during the workers' dinner hour and Mr. Sheridan was in the yard and was actually looking for a workman to round up these cows when approached by Counsellor Lawless, who informed him of the incident in the Back Shed. It was necessary to recall a man from lunch to assist in putting the stray cows back

to the field. All sheds would have been checked by Mr. Sheridan until the exact number of cows in the stray lot had been located.

Par. (iii) It has been the practice on the farm for some years past to employ a number of juveniles principally for planting, weeding, picking and sorting potatoes, for which work they have been found more satisfactory than adults. In my opinion, these lads are being properly trained and supervised and they are under the charge of a working foreman.

Par. (iv) With regard to the number of people required to inseminate a cow, I wish to state that at the beginning three people, including the inseminator, were needed, as every precaution had to be taken to avoid accidents when everyone was inexperienced. Since experience has been gained, two people are sufficient except in the odd case of restless animals.

#### *REPORT OF THE 5th FEBRUARY, 1952.*

Par. (ix) (i) The duties of the Farmyard Foreman are:—  
**DAIRY HERD.**

- (a) Insemination of cows on all farms, washing and sterilizing of all insemination equipment, assisting the Veterinary Surgeons in collecting semen from bulls, recording dates of collection and dates of insemination of the various cows and examination of semen for suitability under microscope prior to insemination.
- (b) Tattooing heifer calves retained for breeding purposes; recording dates of birth, colour, sires, and dams of these.

- (c) Segregating cows into different lots for feeding purposes in Portrane Yard, prescribing food ration as per daily milk yield.
- (d) Attending heifers and cows calving.
- (e) Checking and recording the amount of milk produced each day and the amount issued to Stores.

**Pig Herd.**

- (a) Marking and weighing each litter of bonhams at three weeks old.
- (b) Castrating all male pigs.
- (c) Selecting and tattooing sows for breeding purposes.

**ALL LIVESTOCK.**

- (a) Recording particulars of any animals slaughtered, sold or bred.
- (b) Herding all stock on Portrane Farm and submitting a weekly return (stock sheet) of same.
- (c) Arranging with the Veterinary Surgeon for vaccinating, T.B. testing, etc., all cattle on the farms.
- (d) Looking after general health of all animals; ensuring that all sick animals are properly cared for and attended by the Veterinary Surgeon.

**GENERAL.**

- (a) Supervision and handling of Portrane dairy staff.
- (b) Checking and weighing meat issued to Stores.
- (c) Checking and recording goods inward.
- (d) On call during night if required.
- (e) Acting for Agricultural Manager during his annual or sick leave or during absence on business.
- (f) General supervision.

Par. (ix) (ii) Duties of Male Nurses on the Farm.

Charge of gangs of working patients. They are responsible for carrying out any work detailed to them by the foremen. Very few of them do any manual work.

Par. (ix) (iii) Duties of other members of the Supervisory Staff.

TILLAGE FOREMAN.

- (a) Detailing work on all farms to all the staff including under-foreman and male nurses in charge of patients.
- (b) Supervising all tillage operations, drainage, re-forestation, etc.
- (c) Responsible for the care and maintenance of all farm machinery and keeping adequate stocks of spare parts and implements, etc.
- (d) Issuing petrol, T.V.O. and oils to tractor drivers.
- (e) Making a record of crops, seeds and manures sown.
- (f) Checking and recording goods inward.
- (g) Completing a time sheet in respect of each member of the staff under his charge for costing purposes.
- (h) Relieving farmyard foreman on time off duty, every other Sunday and during annual or sick leave.
- (i) General supervision on the farms and yards.

HERDS, BALLTAMSTONE AND TERVERY.

- (a) Supervising milking and feeding of dairy cows.
- (b) Herding young stock on farm and submitting a weekly stock sheet.
- (c) On call at night time, if required.
- (d) Responsible for stock (dead and live) on farms under their charge.



## ASSISTANT HERDS, BALLYMASTONE AND TURVEY.

- (a) Milking and feeding of dairy herd.  
 (b) Relieving herds when off duty and during annual or sick leave.

## UNDER FOREMEN.

In charge of gangs of men and juveniles engaged at routine farm work during the year.

Par. (x) No bullocks were slaughtered during the months of December, 1951, and January, 1952, consequently all cow beef was issued to the Stores.

It has been the practice to purchase cows to maintain milk supplies from June of each year onwards and also heifers entering the herd are served to calve between June and December. Poor milkers from these are culled and fattened, leaving a large number for slaughter during the winter months. During the past winter, in particular January and December, there was a sufficient number of young fat cows of good quality on hands for slaughter to meet the full beef requirements of the hospital. It was considered more economical to have these animals slaughtered when ready than to purchase fat bullocks and to carry over the cows, which were consuming expensive feeding. Furthermore, if these cows had not been available during this period a greater number of bullocks would have been purchased, which would mean additional cash expenditure. Bullocks slaughtered since October, 1951, are showing a considerable loss, as will be seen from the following example:—

	£	s.	d.
Eight bullocks purchased during February and early March	...	...	...
Credit for eight bullocks slaughtered	...	...	...
Loss on eight bullocks slaughtered	...	...	...
Average loss per beast	...	...	...

Apart from the winter period, beef requirements for the hospital are met by the purchase of fat bullocks. About 50% of the beef supplied to Portrane during any year is bullock beef, and, as the milk yield of the herd improves, it is expected that the proportion of cow beef will be reduced to 25%.

JAMES HAYES,

*Agricultural Manager.*

*Order: Par. 1 to 6. Noted.*

*Par. 7. (i) and ix)* Having regard to the duties of the Farmyard Foreman and Charge Milker as explained by the Agricultural Manager, the Committee would urge the Minister to approve of the increases in remuneration proposed for these two employees.

27th March, 1952.

# REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

1. *Crops.*—The area under vegetables in season at the moment is as follows:—

- 2 acres Savoy cabbage,
- 1 acre York cabbage,
- 1 acre broccoli,
- 1 acre scallions,
- 2½ acres Swede turnips,
- ¼-acre leeks,
- 15 tons parsnips,
- 2 tons of carrots.

Other crops not in season at the moment are 8 acres spring cabbage, 2½ acres broccoli and 1 acre of scallions. These crops are making good progress and will be fit for use before the present supply is exhausted.

2. *Tillage and Sowings*.—Taking advantage of the present spell of dry weather, good progress was made in the spring work and the following sowings have been carried out, *viz.*, 5 acres onions, 4 acres parsnips,  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of seed beds and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acre of cabbage planted. Twelve acres of ground have been tilled and prepared for crops.

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*.—Work carried out in this section was as follows:—

Sowing peas, beans, turnips, parsley, lettuce, celery, tomatoes, leeks and flowering annuals. First fungicidal spraying of fruit trees and fumigating tomato house and renewal of soil in same.

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4. Three acres have been ploughed; peas, beans, lettuce, parsley, leeks and flowering annuals have been sown during the past month. Other work carried out was as follows: Planting shrubs, surfacing walk around bowling green on female grounds and general care of recreation grounds.

#### SANTRY COURT.

5. Work carried out in this unit consisted chiefly of pruning, spraying and tying up fruit trees, digging and manuring tomato houses, preparing ground for seed and digging between fruit trees.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener*

*Order: Noted.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARMS AND GARDEN.

11th March, 1952.

1. We visited Portrane on March 11th. On our way out we paid a flying visit to Santry Court, where we had a look at 12 in-calf cows, 38 yearling calves, and eight  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old heifers grazing on good pasture.

When we arrived at Portrane we met Dr. Meenan, and then Mr. Hayes came along and showed us the stock there:—

- 136 milch cows, in good order;
- 25 fattening cows;
- 18 Springing and Dry cows;
- 2 fat bullocks;
- 3 Friesian bulls (one 8-year-old);  
(one 6-year-old);  
(one 1½-year-old);
- 1 Shorthorn bull in byre (6 years old);
- 1 Hereford bull (1½ years old).

2. Pigs, as usual, were in excellent order: 30 breeding sows, 5 fattening sows, 29 four months old and 16 gone to profit. Four store pigs fattening, 129 bonhams, 2 boars.

3. We later went to Ballymastone, where we saw 45 milch cows, 12 cows suckling calves, and 56 calves ranging from one to six months old—lovely animals.

4. At Turvey there were 66 milch cows; milking was in progress. Thirty-four calves from 6 to 12 months; 48 two-year-old heifers running with a two-year-old Friesian bull. Seventeen acres of winter wheat and 35 acres of Spring wheat had been sown. Farmyard manure was being spread with a two-ton Salopian Spreader and the ploughing of grassland for the potato crop was proceeding. We examined the seed potatoes, of which there is a large quantity.

5. Mr. Wolohan conducted us through the gardens in Portrane. Peas and lettuce had been sown in the kitchen and reclaimed gardens. Ground was being prepared for beans in unclaimed garden. Mr. Wolohan has two acres of onions and three acres of parsnips sown. In Reilly's Hill two

acres of onions sown and the earthing of five acres Spring cabbage was being done, and in the Park vegetable field the planting of two acres cabbage and weeding of one acre of autumn onions was in progress.

C. M. BYRNE.

F. P. O'REILLY.

JAMES ANDREWS.

*Order:* Noted.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 24th April, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. W. P. Donohoe.

.. William Lawless.

Mr. John Smithers.

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#### SANTRY COURT.

1. A letter dated 19th March from the Clonliffe Harriers (referred to the Agricultural Committee from the Board meeting of the 20th March) was submitted, asking if the Board could rent them six or seven acres at Santry Court for use as a training ground. Mr. W. Morton, Hon. Secretary of the Clonliffe Harriers, attended and explained that the sports field formerly used by the Club had been acquired by the Dublin Corporation for housing purposes.

*Order:* Visiting members to farms and gardens to inspect Santry Court with Mr. Morton on Thursday, 3rd April, to see whether it would be possible to facilitate the Club.

2. A letter dated 22nd March from the Dublin County Council was submitted stating that the Council had under consideration the acquisition of portion of Santry Court; the portion in which they are interested is a large level field at the western end of the estate on Santry Avenue near Blackwood Gate Lodge, which is not heavily wooded. It is anticipated that a final decision as to the suitability of the site will be made in the near future, and in the meantime the Council would ask that the site should not be disposed of to any other party.

*Order:* This Committee suggests that the County Council might examine the possibility of selecting a site which would not reduce the amount of arable land available at Santry Court.

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#### TENDERS FOR GRASS AND CLOVER SEEDS, ETC.

As requested by the Board at its meeting on the 20th March, the Committee examined the tenders for grass and clover seeds referred to in paragraph 12 of the Manager's report to the Board dated 14th March, and recorded its agreement with the tenders which had been accepted.

F. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

## Report No. 147.

17th April, 1952

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 17th day of April, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Alderman Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D.; Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Senator Michael J. Colgan, William J. Colman, P.C.; Bernard Conway, Dr. Michael French-O'Carroll, T.D.; Gilbert Hughes, Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.; Eugene Timmons, P.C.; Messrs. John Cabill, P.C.; William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D.; Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

An apology was received from Mr. Richard Lawless for his inability to attend.

The minutes of last meeting (Report No. 145, 20th March, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 19th March, 1952, to 16th April, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

On Hospital Register on	19th	Males	Females	Total
March, 1952	...	1641	1975	3616
Admitted to 16th April, 1952	...	50	58	108
		1691	2033	3724
	Males Females Total			

Discharged				
to 16th April, 1952	39	24	63	
Died to do.	9	9	18	
Escaped to do.	—	—	—	
		48	33	81

Remaining on Hospital Register on				
16th April, 1952	...	1643	2000	3643
Absent on trial and escape on 16th				
April, 1952	...	25	16	41

Number actually resident on 16th				
April, 1952, as per Morning				
Statement Book	...	1618	1984	3602

## DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gor-				
man Mental Hospital	...	774	1256	2030
Number of Patients in Portrane				
Mental Hospital	...	844	728	1572
Total number resident as above	...	1618	1984	3602



## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	2687
County of Dublin	...	520
County Wicklow	...	329
Criminal Lunatics	...	51
Non-district patients	...	15
TOTAL		3602

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor William Lawless seconded the adoption of Report No. 146 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 27th March, 1952. *Passed unanimously.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

25th March, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Miss Murphy, Deputy Matron, in the forenoon and by Miss Sharkey, Matron, in the afternoon, we visited Female Divisions Nos. 7, 11, 19, 22, 22A, 23A, 25 and 27. During our inspection it was specially noted that the care, attention and general conditions appertaining to these divisions were all that could be desired. We had seen many of the patients at lunch in these divisions—the service and food was good. In No. 19 Division we noted that the lavatory accommodation for the number of patients was inadequate. There is one reserved for the staff and they are prepared to surrender it for the use of the patients in their charge. In No. 24 Division we found that there is no water supply. We discussed this matter with the Clerk of Works and found it

is included in this year's annual estimate works. It should be amongst the first jobs to be attended to.

2. We were present when lunch was served in the general dining hall. The food was good and plentiful. Throughout our visit we chatted with many of the patients. There were no complaints beyond the usual desire for discharge. We were impressed by the general conditions in the Institution.

3. We visited the Catholic and Protestant Churches. The Protestant Church is in need of a general painting, but we noted that this is included in this year's annual estimate works. We were surprised that there is no provision for heating the vestry and that there is no water supply or lavatory accommodation. These matters should receive early attention.

JOHN CAHILL, P.C.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN, P.C.

*Order: Received late. Consideration deferred to next meeting.*

### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

26th March, 1952.

1. We visited Portrane Mental Hospital on Wednesday, 26th March, and under the guidance of Dr. O'Sullivan, to whom we are very grateful, we inspected as much as possible in the time at our disposal.

Stocktaking was in progress when we looked into the Stores. As far as we could judge, there seems to be a good stock of everything necessary for the patients.

Both the beef and mutton which we saw in the Refrigerator were of prime quality.

2. In the Kitchen we looked at the Teak Sinks and found them much cleaner than on a previous visit.

The wooden trolley used for the potatoes still looks dirty and unsightly and not in keeping with the rest of the kitchen. If this wooden trolley was well scrubbed and the rusty frame painted it would look much better and could be used for quite a long while.

3. In the Men's Dining Hall the patients were having dinner. The meal was well cooked and all seemed to have liberal helpings. Dinner consisted of soup, roast beef, cabbage and potatoes, followed by rice pudding. Some patients were having eggs and many had a bowl of milk in addition to the other courses.

4. The only complaints we heard were from patients requesting to be sent back to Grangeegorman or asking to be allowed to go home.

5. The Male Hospital looked bright and cheerful with lots of lovely flowering plants. All the patients were clean and comfortable and seemed contented.

6. Number 10 Division was next visited. This part of the Hospital looks almost gay with its bright blue walls and many flowering plants. All the women patients here looked well and seemed happy—some were rather sleepy, as they had just finished dinner.

7. In No. 3 Division the men were sitting round resting after their meal, but quite a number were listening to the radio.

8. All the corridors throughout the Hospital are bright and clean and the paintwork is attractive.

9. The Female Hospital, No. 7, was also visited and many patients were outside sitting in the sunshine.

We finished our visit by seeing the Laundry and saw the new machinery at work.

10. We had a complaint here from two patients who help in the Laundry. These girls would like a little extra at meal times in return for their services and one expressed a desire for a chop to be given occasionally and some sugar in the sweet served at dinner. As these girls give valuable help, we think the Board might agree to their having something extra. It would give them encouragement.

11. The Staff must be congratulated on the pile of wood logs cut from fallen branches, etc. We think this an excellent economy.

12. Councillor Andrews visited the farm and found everything in first-class order.

CATHERINE BYRNE.  
MARY C. ENNIS.  
JAMES ANDREWS.

*Order: See Paragraph 20 of Manager's Report of this date.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to the 15th May, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. James Andrews.

.. Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

.. W. Lawless.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" C. M. Byrne.

Mr. W. Chase.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

10th April, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 8th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangeegorman ...	768	1247	2015
In Portrane ...	846	728	1574
Total ...	1614	1975	3589

as compared with:—

8th April, 1951 ...	1579	1943	3522
8th April, 1950 ...	1580	1913	3493
8th April, 1949 ...	1518	1867	3385
8th April, 1948 ...	1522	1819	3341

this year's number being 67 more than on the corresponding date last year and 248 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospital is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Male patient J. B. (4406) escaped from Grangegormán on the 17th March, 1952. He was attached to No. 7 Division, which is a working division, and most of the patients there are scattered around the grounds for recreation. In the circumstances the Chief R.M.S. does not consider that the nurse in charge was guilty of serious negligence, but the nurse has been warned of the necessity for being more observant. The patient was brought back to the Hospital on the 9th instant.

Two liberty male patients, J. O'N. (2260) and J. C. (2645) were missed from No. 9 Division at Grangegormán on the 22nd March, having failed to report for supper at 5.15 p.m. They were brought back to the Hospital on the 1st April.

Voluntary male patient J. McP. (1983) was let out on pass on the 5th instant and later refused to return to the Hospital.

4. On the 18th March male patient T. K. (40854) accused a temporary attendant of assaulting him. The Chief R.M.S. is satisfied that there are no grounds for the accusation; the patient in question has well marked delusions about this particular attendant. There was no sign of any injury to this patient.

5. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane).—J. McC., temporary farm labourer, sustained an injury to his eye on 8th ultimo which required his attendance at the Eye and Ear Hospital on three days.

J. H., temporary farm labourer, also injured an eye on 11th ultimo, and he was treated in the Eye and Ear Hospital.

C. J. H., plumber, injured his hand on 20th ultimo and was off duty for a week.

A number of minor injuries to members of the nursing staff are reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

No serious accidents to the Grangegormán staff were reported during the past month.

6. On the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S., I have authorised payment of £15 12s 6d. towards the cost of supplying a hearing aid to female patient A. H. (3623). This patient is likely to remain in the Hospital for a considerable time and her deafness has been a source of great depression to her. The balance of the cost of the hearing aid has been paid by the patient's employers.

7. The Minister for Health has made an order under Section 91 of the Local Government Act, 1946, directing the Board to make a contribution of £10 towards the costs incurred by Mrs. M. H. in connection with the Inquiry on Oath held in Portrane on 23rd May, 1950, into the circumstances of the death of her daughter, the patient E. H. (40085).

8. Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, has completed the detailed schedule of accommodation in the proposed admission hospital at Grangegormán. The Chief R.M.S. has examined the schedule and he is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the new unit. I am, accordingly, submitting it to the Department of Health for approval.

9. In connection with the proposed conversion of Portrane House, the Department of Health has asked whether it is intended to accommodate healthy or bed patients—if the

latter, the Department considers that considerably more alterations would be required than those provided for in the sketch plan submitted. The Chief R.M.S. informs me that it will be possible to transfer healthy patients from the existing divisions at Portrane to Portrane House and to fill up the resulting vacancies with bedridden patients from Grangegorman.

The Department in a letter dated 14th January last had referred to the fire hazard of the temporary wooden buildings at Grangegorman and has asked whether it would be possible to rearrange the allocation of patients so that these buildings would be occupied by able-bodied patients only. The Chief R.M.S. has advised me that the arrangement proposed in the preceding paragraph is the only practicable method of providing alternative accommodation for the bedridden patients in the temporary buildings. Accordingly, I have asked the Department for early approval in principle to the conversion of Portrane House.

When the bedridden patients have been removed from the temporary buildings there will remain only able-bodied working patients and the Male O.T. Department. It will probably be possible to disperse the working patients around the other departments, and the male O.T. Department will be transferred to the Old Laundry building when it has been reconstructed. I have asked the Department also for early approval to the final plans for this reconstruction, so that the work can be put in hands this summer.

10. It is proposed to extend No. 10 Division at Portrane by the construction of a 15-bed verandah. I have authorized the Chief Engineer to purchase steel doors and windows for this job at a cost of £105.



11. I have also authorized the Clerk of Works to put in hands the following urgent work, the cost of which will be charged against the sum provided for contingencies in the Annual Estimate:—

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|--|--------|----------|
| (i) Replacement of water supply to Stanhope Terrace  | ... .. | Cost £90 |
| (ii) Replacement of defective flooring and plumbing in kitchen at Doctors' quarters in Annexe                    | ... .. | Cost £60 |
| (iii) Replacement of teak troughs, renewal of h. and c. supplies and repairs to floor in No. 24 Division kitchen | ... .. | Cost £35 |

12. The cold room attached to the meat stores at Grange-gorman has given a good deal of trouble in recent months. The firm which installed it in 1939 has recommended either (a) a complete overhaul and replacement of defective parts at a cost of approximately £122 or (b) the installation of new equipment at a cost of approximately £580. They are not prepared to guarantee that the first alternative would give any further substantial period of service from the old equipment. It is proposed to obtain competitive tenders for the repair and/or replacement of the plant.

13. The internal telephone system at Portrane has not been giving satisfaction for some time past and last month tenders were invited for a new automatic exchange. Three tenders were received and, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the lowest—that of the Standard Telephone Co. for a 50-line 5-circuit automatic exchange for £480. The new exchange has already been delivered.

14. The contract with Thomas Bradford and Co., Ltd., for the supply of laundry machinery to Portrane provided that the prices originally tendered were subject to variation in the event of any increase in wages or the cost of materials before the date of delivery. The contractor has now submitted the certificate of his Accountants that as a result of increased costs the prices of the washing machines and hydro extractors are subject to an increase of 12½ per cent. and of the 6-roll ironing machine and collar ironing machine of 10 per cent. In view of the terms of the contract, I have agreed to pay these increases.

15. On 16th August last I reported to the Board that tests carried out by the Chief Engineer at Portrane showed that the comparative costs of the principal fuels used for steam raising worked out as follows:—

Type of Fuel	Cost delivered Portrane	Cost per 1,000 lbs. of steam generated
Heavy Fuel Oil ...	10 13/16d. per gal.	9.5 shillings
Welsh Steam Coal	169/- per ton	10.2 ..
Hand-won Turf ...	73/- per ton	15.0 ..

It will be noted that hand-won turf cost approximately 50 per cent. more than coal and oil. This turf was produced for the Board in County Galway and the comparatively high cost was due to the distance it had to be transported and the expense of ricking and distribution within the Hospital grounds.

It was suggested that it might be possible this season to obtain turf at 63/- per ton delivered into the boilerhouses at Grangegorm as required. If a contract of this kind could

be made, the very considerable expense of ricking and subsequent cartage to the boilerhouses would be eliminated and the Clerk of Works estimates that the present comparative costs of turf and other fuels would be:—

Type of Fuel	Cost delivered	Cost per 1,000 lbs. of steam generated
	Grangegorman	
Medium Fuel Oil	12 15/16d. per gal.	9.06 shillings
Welsh Steam Coal	165/- per ton	9.65 ..
Turf Briquettes	92/- per ton *	10.66 ..
Hand-won Turf	63/- per ton *	11.25 ..

\* delivered into boilerhouses as required.

I have received an offer of 3,000/4,000 tons good black or brown Midlands turf, viz.:—

- (a) At 69/- per ton for delivery as produced and saved  
or
- (b) At 67/- per ton delivered into the boilerhouses at Grangegorman at the rate of 10 tons per day during the period June to October inclusive and 80/- per ton delivered at the rate of 20 tons per day during the period November to April next inclusive.

When the cost of ricking and distribution is added to the price shown at (a) it will be seen that neither of these proposals is economic. I am afraid that there is no likelihood of obtaining good hand-won turf at a price as low as 63/- per ton delivered *as required*, and I do not recommend its purchase at any higher figure.

Bord na Mona has agreed to make an allocation of 1,000 tons of turf briquettes, and as the cost is close to that of fuel

oil and steam coal. I have approved of the purchase of that quantity for delivery during the period June to October next. It may be possible to obtain a further allocation at the end of October.

I consider it prudent to maintain existing reserves of coal and I have authorised the purchase of the quantity necessary to keep stocks equivalent to six months' requirements.

16. I have accepted the tender of Carton Bros., Ltd., for the supply of 'selected' hen eggs to Grangegorman during the period of six months ending 30/9/1952 at 30/10d. per 120; also the tender of John Clarke and Sons, Ltd., for the supply of 'selected' hen eggs to Portrane during the four months ending 31/7/1952 at 31/3d. per 120. The price for the four months ended 31/7/1951 was 24/9½d. per 120.

17. In the financial year 1950/51 the premises 31/38 Upper Grangegorman, described as "Warders' Houses and Nurses' Home at Upper Grangegorman," were valued for rating purposes at £650, and a demand for rates amounting to £896 was received from the Dublin Corporation. A claim for exemption from rates under Section 63 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1838, was lodged, but I was informed last month that it had been unsuccessful. The Board's Law Agent does not consider that any further appeal should be made against this decision.

18. The Rev. T. Byers has tendered his resignation from the position of Presbyterian Chaplain to Grangegorman with effect from the end of this month. He has expressed his appreciation of the kindness of the Board during his twenty-five years of service.

JOHN P. KEANE,  
*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

17th April, 1952.

19. Since 18th ultimo 32 male and 38 female patients were admitted, total 110. One hundred and six of these were chargeable patients, of whom 47 were temporary, 30 were voluntary, 21 were P.U.M., one was admitted under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act and one by order of the High Court. Two Voluntary, one Temporary and one P.U.M. Private patients were admitted.

20. With reference to the Inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillors James Andrews, Mrs. Catherine Byrne and Miss Mary Ennis on the 26th March, I have to report:—

*Item (ii).* The wooden potato trolley is at present being renovated in the Chief Engineer's Department.

*Item (x).* Laundry workers are allowed extras to the normal diet, consisting of porridge, egg and tea after dinner daily, jam twice weekly and a double ration of cigarettes. Sugar is provided for the sweet after dinner, and the Acting Branch R.M.S. is of opinion that it is sufficiently sweetened. He has arranged that laundry workers will have a chop for dinner in turn.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 15. Approved.

*Par. 18.* Resignation noted with regret. Chief Clerk to convey to the Rev. Mr. Byers the Board's appreciation of his valuable service during the past twenty-five years.

F. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 148.**24th April, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of April, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:—Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

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*24th April, 1952.***REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.**

1. *Milk Supplies* : Since my last report of the 27th ultimo, it was not necessary to purchase any milch cows. Milk supplies to both hospitals have been maintained at adequate levels. The 234 cows at present milking are yielding around 540 gallons daily—an average of over 2½ gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis* : A few cases of mastitis occurred during the month, but they all responded to treatment.

3. *Tricomoniassia* : The two bulls, Albert Ambassador 19th and Craigiemains Talisman, are being tested on a

limited scale and so far results are satisfactory. Artificial insemination is progressing satisfactorily.

4. *Grass* : Grass has made satisfactory progress during the month. All cattle have been out day and night with the exception of some fattening cows at Portrane. The application of artificial manures to all grassland has now been completed. A number of grass fields on all farms are being closed off for cutting for silage or hay.

5. *Crops and Tillage* : Sowed 38 acres of Spring Wheat, which completes the sowing of this crop, giving 78 acres of spring wheat and 17 acres of winter wheat, a total of 95 acres sown. Sowed 14 acres of barley, 15 acres of this crop have still to be sown. To date 27 acres of potatoes 1st and 2nd earlies have been planted.

The manuring, ploughing and tilling of the remainder of the ground for the barley, fodder beet and potato crops is in progress. It is estimated that it will be about the middle of May before all these crops are planted.

6. *Santry Court* : 10 acres of grassland have been ploughed and sown with spring wheat which will also be sown with grass-seeds. The manuring of all grass on this farm is completed and the grass is making satisfactory growth here also, although it was somewhat later than the grass in Portrane and Turvey farms. This is due to winter grazing and later grasses.

The present livestock at Santry is 15 calves (one year olds), 47 heifers (1½ to 2 years) and eight dry cows.

JAMES HAYES,

*Order. Noted.*

*Agricultural Manager.*



## REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

## PORTRANE.

1. *Crops in Season* : There is an abundant supply of vegetables at the moment. These include broccoli, carrots, swede turnips, scallions and early spring cabbage. I commenced cutting the last named crop about a week ago. The area under spring cabbage at the moment is 12 acres.

2. *Tillage and Sowings* : 6 acres of onions, 5 acres of parsnips and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres of brassicas sown in March are now up and show signs of a promising crop. I estimate germination to be between 80 and 100 per cent. in these crops. Seven acres of ground has been tilled and prepared for more sowings; of this 1 acre has been sown with swede turnips and 1 acre with carrots.

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens* : The tomato house has been fumigated and planted. Fruit trees have received two applications of lime sulphur spray and D.D.T. as a preventive against scab and insect pests. Other work carried out consisted of sowing peas, beans, lettuce, turnips, parsley and pricking out flowering annuals.

## GRANGEDEEMAN.

4. About  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres have been ploughed and tilled and sown with the following crops, viz.:— Brussels sprouts, carrots, parsley, leeks and turnips. 900 tomato plants have

been delivered to Santry Gardens. All recreation grounds, shrubberies and walks are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order. Noted.*

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REPORT OF INSPECTION CARRIED OUT BY  
AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE ON  
3rd APRIL, 1952.

1. In accordance with the directions of the Agricultural Committee we attended at Santry Court on the morning of 3rd April. We met Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, and Mr. Morton and Mr. Hewston representing Clonliffe Harriers. Following an inspection of the ground the Committee decided to recommend that subject to the Agricultural Committee and the Board agreeing on terms, a plot of ground should be leased to the Clonliffe Harriers.

The Committee recommend that the plot should be 230 yards long and 150 yards broad, and they recommend the following as a suitable site :—

That from the point near the small gateway situated north of the main gate that a line be drawn extending 150 yards at right angles from the boundary wall and from the latter point extending for approximately 230 yards towards the main avenue and parallel with the boundary wall of the estate and that the distance between this line and the boundary wall be not less than approximately 150 yards at any point, and that the southern boundary of the plot be

formed by a line running from the furthest point of the line paralleling the boundary wall, to the boundary wall.

In effect, the recommendation of the Committee is that a site be leased to the Clouliffe Harriers approximately 150 yards wide by 290 yards long and situated along the main boundary wall on the main road north of the main entrance.

2. The Committee continued with the inspection at Portrane and visited the gardens. Mr. Wolohan, the Head Gardener, accompanied members of the Committee and explained the work in progress. The Committee were much impressed with everything they saw and must commend Mr. Wolohan for his attention to the gardens and for the work which has been done in recent months on the reclaimed ground at the bottom of the garden proper.

We noted that an effort had been made to deal with the problem of afforestation and noted the very fine young plants which had been planted of various types, viz.: Sitka Spruce, etc.

We were unable through lack of time at our disposal to carry out the inspection of the barnyard and farm proper.

3. While in Santry we did notice that the gardens there have had attention given to them recently and we were agreeably surprised to learn that the work which has been done in the garden has been carried out by one man only. We feel it only proper to express our appreciation of the work that is being put into this particular garden.

Signed: DENIS LARKIN  
JOHN SMITHERS  
W. P. DONOHUE  
WILLIAM LAWLESS.

*Orders made thereon :*

*Par. 1.* To be examined again by Inspection Committee accompanied by Agricultural Manager and the Clerk of Works with a view to determining the exact dimensions and location of this plot.

*Pars. 2 and 3. Noted.*

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APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 22nd May, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor Denis Larkin.  
" W. P. Donohoe.  
" William Lawless.  
Mr. John Smithers.

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DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 149.**15th May, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**BOARD MEETING.**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 15th day of May, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A.; Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, William J. Colman, P.C.; Richard C. Keane, Timothy J. Murray, Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.Q.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; William Chase, John J. Jones, Thomas O'Reilly and Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

*Dublin County Council Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D.; Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*Wicklow County Council Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless and Patrick McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mr. Richard Lawless.

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The minutes of last meeting (Report No. 147 of 17th April, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 16th April to 14th May, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register, 16th April, 1952	1643	2000	3643
Admitted to 14th May, 1952	33	41	74
Total	1676	2041	3717

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged to 14th May, 1952	28	37	65
Died to do.	7	4	11
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
Remaining on Hospital Register on 14th May, 1952	35	41	76
Absent on trial and escape on 14th May, 1952	1641	2000	3641
	22	19	41
Number actually resident on 14th May, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1619	1981	3600

## DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital	780	1252	2032
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	839	729	1568
Total number resident as above	1619	1981	3600

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2682
County of Dublin	...	...	521
County Wicklow	...	...	328
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	53
Non-district patients	...	...	16
TOTAL			3600

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor William Lawless proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 148 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 24th April, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committee for the ensuing period to the 19th June, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

## GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" C. M. Byrne.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" Richard Keane.

" William Lawless.

" T. J. Murray.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

9th May, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 6th instant was:—

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegormán	...	772	1245	2017
In Portrane	...	839	731	1570
Total	...	1611	1976	3587

as compared with:—

6th May, 1951	...	1573	1931	3504
6th May, 1950	...	1574	1920	3494
6th May, 1949	...	1523	1867	3390
6th May, 1948	...	1530	1821	3351

this year's number being 83 more than on the corresponding date last year and 236 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Male patient J. K. T. (34602), aged 57 years, died suddenly on the 25th April while working in the garden at Portrane. He had been seen by a Male Nurse at 5 p.m. and was then working normally. At about 5.30 p.m. the Head Gardener found the patient lying on the path near where he had been working. A Medical Officer was sent for and found life extinct. The Coroner was notified and he ordered a post-mortem examination, which showed that the cause of death was coronary thrombosis. The Coroner was notified of this finding and he did not consider an inquest necessary.



4. *Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).*—Male patient M. O'D. (3789) fell over a wire fence on the exercise ground of No. 6 Division on the 17th ultimo. He afterwards complained of a pain in the right arm and an X-ray examination carried out the following day revealed a fracture of the neck of the humerus.

On the 11th ultimo female patient E. K. (3341) became excited and restless and attempted to get to the windows in the ward and break glass. She made a sudden wrench when being restrained by a nurse and sustained a fracture of the left humerus. The patient received immediate attention and was removed to the Hospital Division for treatment. The Senior Assistant Medical Officer, who was acting for the Chief R.M.S. at the time of the occurrence, investigated the matter and was satisfied that the accident was unavoidable and was not due to any negligence on the part of the nurse.

These accidents have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. *Accidents to Patients (Portrane).*—On the 5th ultimo female patient M. C. (32562) fell on the dayroom floor of No. 3 Division and sustained a fracture of the neck of the right femur. The Acting Branch R.M.S. does not attribute blame to any member of the staff in connection with this accident, which was duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. P. J. B. (4173), a liberty patient, escaped from Grangegorman on the 27th ultimo. He was missed at 11.20 a.m. and the grounds were searched without result. He has not since been traced.

W. O'R. (3846) left a dayroom in Grangegorman with other patients at 11.20 a.m. on the 28th April for the recreation grounds. He was found to be missing at dinner time, but he was located and brought back to the hospital at 9.25 p.m. on the same day.

B. M. (4444), a liberty patient, did not return from the recreation grounds at Grangegorman at 8 p.m. on the 2nd May. He was brought back to the Hospital by his relatives at 10.30 p.m. the same evening.

Male patient J. B. (4406) escaped from the recreation grounds at Grangegorman on the evening of the 2nd May. He was missed at 8 p.m. and a search was instituted without result.

He was subsequently located in Co. Wicklow and brought back to the Hospital on 7th instant.

The Chief R.M.S. does not attribute negligence to any member of the staff in connection with the first three escapes. I have investigated the circumstances of the fourth escape and I have come to the conclusion that the nurse in charge could have exercised more care. He has been reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.

The question of escapes generally is the subject of a special report from the Chief R.M.S. which I have under consideration.

**7. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).**—A. D., Deputy Head Nurse, slipped when on duty on the 10th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the right humerus. He was X-rayed and treated in St. Laurence's Hospital and is still off duty.

Male Nurse A. G. fell off his bicycle when coming on duty on the morning of the 11th ultimo and injured his knee and ankle. He was off duty for two days as a result.

Nurse U. H. slipped when filling a teapot of boiling water on the 18th ultimo and scalded her legs. She was attended to by a Medical Officer and was off duty from the 19th ultimo to the 1st instant.

Other minor accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported, which did not necessitate their going off duty.

**8. Accidents to Staff (Portrane).—**On the 14th ultimo Female Attendant S. M. fell in the general kitchen and caught her left hand in a door. She received a deep cut on the palm of her hand and was off duty for a week.

Female Attendant M. E. M. on the 2nd ultimo was bitten on the left hand by a refractory patient. She received medical attention but did not go off duty.

**9.** With reference to the Inspection at Grangegorman carried out by Councillor W. J. Colman and Mr. John Cahill on the 25th March, I have to report:—

*Item (i)* The Clerk of Works is examining the suggestion made by the Visiting Members about the lavatory accommodation in No. 19 Division.

There is a water supply in No. 24 Division and the matter discussed with the Clerk of Works was the provision of facilities for washing dishes.

*Item (iii)* It is a fact that there is no water supply to the Protestant Church and, consequently, there is no

lavatory accommodation there. There is a heating radiator in the Vestry.

10. Early in the morning of the 13th October an application was received for the admission of a Mr. M. K. as a temporary chargeable patient, accompanied by the usual certificate of the authorised Medical Officer, and the patient was brought to Grangegorman by two members of the Garda Síochána. The person to whom the application related was carefully examined and full enquiries about his case were made from his relatives and from the authorised Medical Officer. As a result of the examination and enquiries, a reception order was refused and this man was sent home on the 17th October. He has recently made application to the High Court for liberty to institute proceedings against the Board, the Chief R.M.S., the authorised Medical Officer and the two members of the Garda Síochána who brought him to the Hospital, on miscellaneous grounds. Liberty to enter the case in the Court list was given on 18th April, and the further hearing of the application for liberty to institute the proceedings was adjourned for four weeks.

11. The Department of Health has approved the specifications and working drawings for the conversion of the old laundry at Grangegorman into a male visiting hall and O.T. department, subject to certain minor amendments which are being made. The greater part of the building work in this scheme will be carried out by direct labour under the supervision of the Clerk of Works, and it is hoped to make a start next week. Tenders will be invited at an early date for the mechanical and electrical services included in the scheme.

Mr. Vincent Kelly estimates that the inclusive cost of the scheme, as approved, will be as follows:—

Original Estimate (September, 1950)	...	£20,000
Add for increased cost of wages and materials since September, 1950	...	1,000
Estimated cost of Ring main and hydrants	... ..	1,000
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		£22,000
Contingencies including advertising for sub-contracts	... ..	1,000
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		£23,000
Architect's fees	... ..	1,100
Consulting Engineer's fees	... ..	387
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		£24,487

I recommend that the provision for contingencies be increased by £513, which will bring the total estimated cost to £25,000.

On 2nd November, 1949 (Letter H.C. 10/15/15), the Department of Health advised that a grant of £100,000 would be made from the Hospitals' Trust Fund towards the cost of providing an Admission Unit, Visiting Halls and an Occupational Therapy Unit at Grangegorm. I am informed that part of this grant may be allocated to the present scheme, to the extent of 40% of the cost. Forty per cent. of £25,000 is £10,000, leaving £15,000 to be provided by the Board. I recommend that the sum of £15,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in half-yearly instalments over a period of twenty years, with interest on the outstanding balance at the rate for the time being in force.

12. In a letter dated 26th April about the proposal to convert Portrane House into a new division for physically healthy patients, the Department of Health has suggested that the provision of a new residence for the Branch R.M.S. should first be undertaken, and that, in the meantime, plans should be prepared for the conversion of Portrane House so that work will be commenced immediately the new residence is ready for occupation.

This proposal was approved in principle by the Board on the 21st February last, on the recommendation of the Special Building Committee (Report No. 142 of 24/1/52). I have, therefore, instructed the Architect to proceed with the preparation of sketch plans for the new residence for the Branch R.M.S. and for the conversion of Portrane House.

13. Tenders were recently invited for the supply of table potatoes during the period from the 1st May to the 30th June, and I accepted the lowest, that of W. H. Lamb and Co., Ltd., at £9 7s. 6d. per ton delivered Grangegorman and £9 12s. 6d. per ton delivered Portrane. The price last year was £13 per ton delivered Grangegorman and Portrane.

14. On the recommendation of the Head Gardener, I have authorised the purchase of an Allen self-propelled motor scythe at a cost of approximately £94 for cutting the rough grass in the small plots and avenues and in the orchard at Portrane. It has become increasingly difficult to find patients practised in the use of a scythe for this type of work, and a similar machine purchased for Grangegorman about four years ago proved very satisfactory and economical.

15. I have also accepted, on the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, the tender of Thomas Lenehan and Sons (being the only one received) for one 4-row Bent steerage hoe at the price of £96 less 5 per cent.

16. I have granted an application of Belvedere Ltd. for an increase in their charges for the supply of an ambulance, to take effect from the 1st May, 1952. The new charges are 16/- for journeys to and from Grangegorman and 37/6d. for journeys to or from Portrane, from any point in the City, and they are considered reasonable.

17. The Munster and Leinster Bank has informed me that, owing to the recent alterations in the Bank Interest Rates, the rates of interest applicable to the Board's accounts from the 20th March, 1952, will be as follows:—

Current Accounts—Deposit Receipt rate on credit balances.

—5% on overdrafts.

Mortgage Loan Accounts—5%.

The new rates represent an increase of one per cent.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

15th May, 1952.

18. Since 15th ultimo 27 male and 38 female patients were admitted, total 65. Fifty-nine of these were chargeable patients, of whom 19 were Persons of Unsound Mind, 29 temporary, 11 voluntary. Also admitted were two Criminal Lunatics, and one Person of Unsound Mind and one Voluntary Private Patient.

19. On 10th January last the Board approved of a proposal to raise a 10-year loan for the following purposes:—

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(i) Over-expenditure on Loan for T.B. pavilions, Grangegorman ... ..	1,868
(ii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part I)	2,626
(iii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part II)	6,212
(iv) New Bakery and Kitchen equipment, Grangegorman ... ..	4,350
Provision for increased prices, contingencies, etc. ... ..	1,944
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I have received the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to a loan of £13,000 from the Local Loans Fund for items (i), (ii) and (iii). The Mortgage Deed will be submitted to the Board for approval as soon as it is received.

A proposal for the purchase of the new Bakery and Kitchen equipment (Item iv) was submitted to the Department of Health in December last but the Minister's approval is still awaited. Presumably, the Department of Local Government has deleted this item from the proposed Loan until such time as the matter is finally decided.

20. The Steward at Santry Court has reported that one of the empty buildings was broken into on 22nd April and about eight feet of lead piping stolen. The Guards have been notified.



21. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have approved of the expenditure of a sum of £65 on the provision of four presses in the new kitchen off the Board and clerical staff diningroom at Grangegorman.

JOHN P. KEANE,  
*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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Orders made thereon:—

*Par. 10.* To be considered in Committee.

*Par. 9.* Proposed by Councillor W. J. Colman, seconded by Councillor Richard Keane:—

" That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing of £15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of a new Male Patients' Visiting Hall and Occupational Therapy Department at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, as recommended in Paragraph 11 of the Manager's Report dated 9th May, 1952; the said sum of £15,000 to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works on the security of the rates leviable by and the Borough and County Funds of the Corporation of Dublin and the County Councils of Dublin and Wicklow, repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over a period of twenty years with interest on outstanding balances from time to time at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935."

*Passed unanimously.*

*Par. 12.* In view of the urgent need for extra accommodation for patients, the Board considers that the conversion of Portrane House should be put in hands at the same time

as the building of a new residence for the Branch R.M.S. and would ask the Minister for Health to agree that this might be done.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 9th May from the Clerk to the Council, Dublin Corporation, advising that Councillor Peadar Cowan, T.D., was reappointed a member of the Board at a meeting of the Dublin City Council held on the 5th May.

*Order Noted.*

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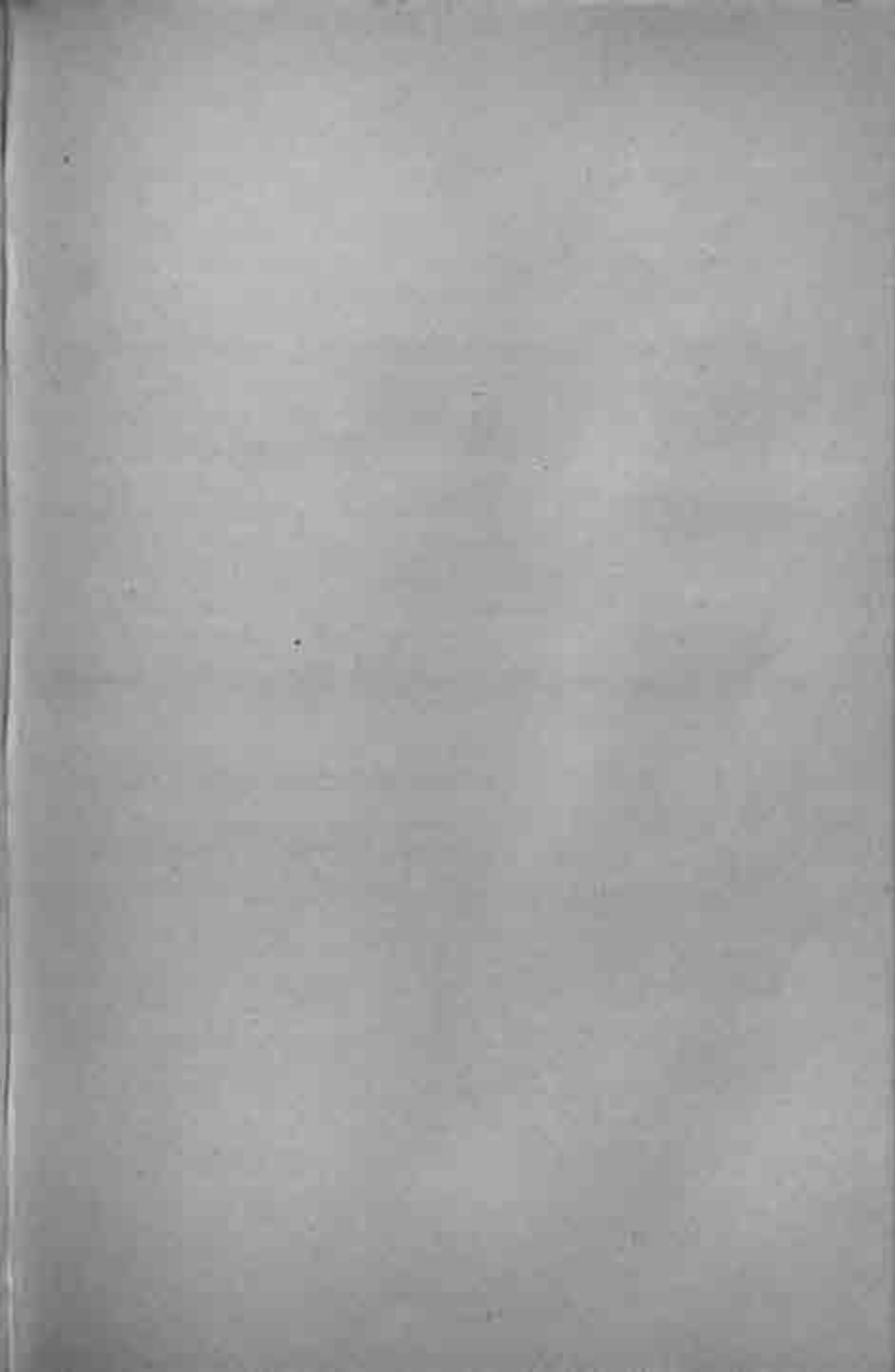
Immediately after the conclusion of the Meeting, the Board met in Committee and considered the correspondence from the Law Adviser about the proceedings referred to in Paragraph 10 of the Manager's Report of the 9th May. It was decided to await developments.

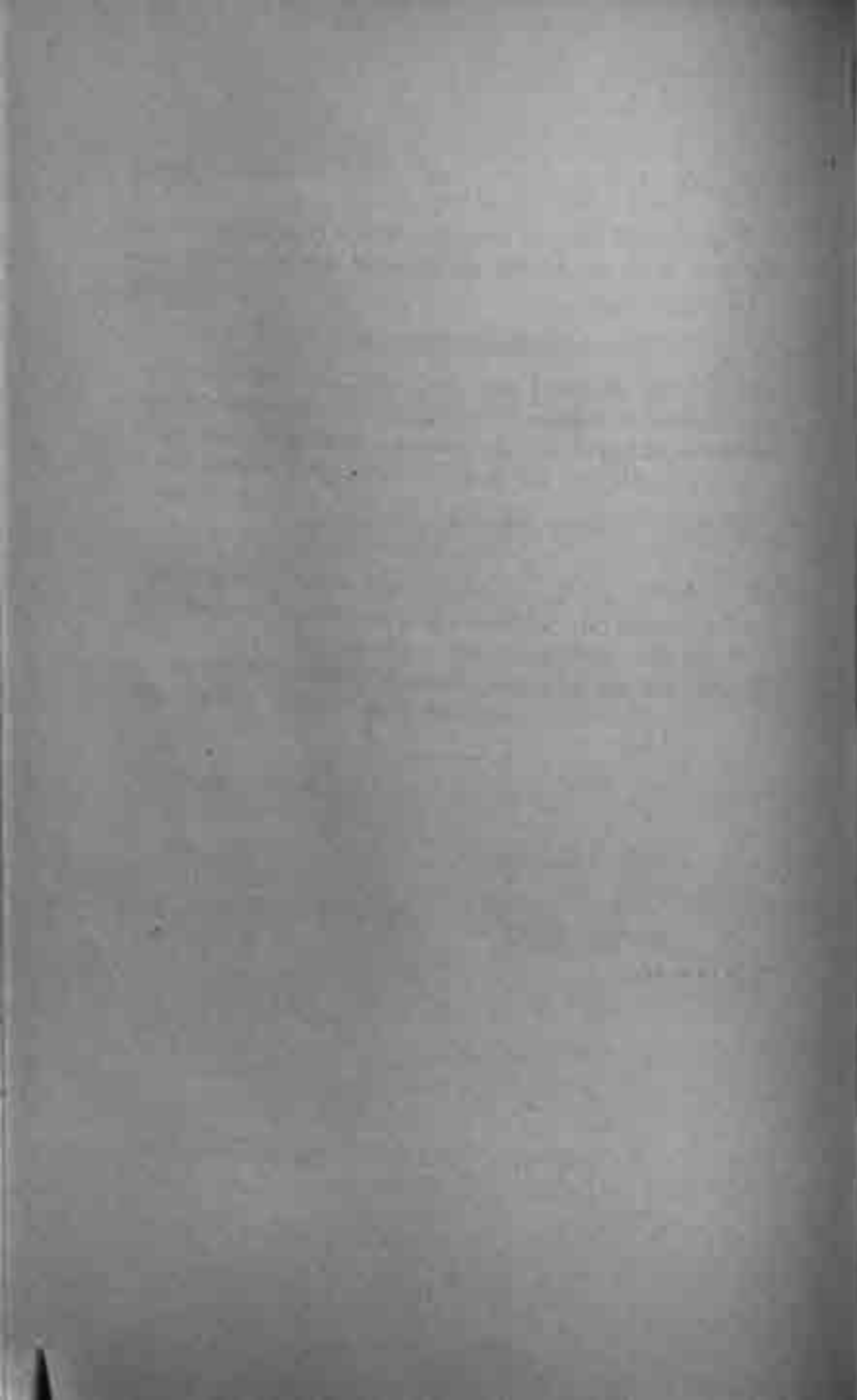
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E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*





*Report No. 150.**22nd May, 1952.*

## Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 22nd day of May, 1952, Councillor C. M. Byrne (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, Miss M. C. Ennis, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

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### REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

*22nd May, 1952.*

*1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—There was a full supply of milk for both hospitals up to the 7th instant, and from that date there has been a shortage, which has been met by purchasing milk at Grangegorman and purchasing cows. To date four milch cows and six springing heifers have been purchased for the following prices:—

Four milch cows plus one calf at an average of	... ..	£43 12s. 6d.
Six springing heifers, 2½ years old, at	... ..	£37 0s. 0d. each

At the moment Grangegormian is getting 273 gallons and Portrane 221 gallons per day. The total daily production from 224 cows is 494 gallons or 2.2 gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—A few cases of mastitis are occurring among the herd. These are responding to treatment. The incidence of the disease is very slight at the moment.

3. *Tricomoniasis*.—The two bulls, Albert Ambassador 13th and Craigmains Talisman, on test for this disease are progressing satisfactorily. About 40 cows have been inseminated from the former and about ten cows have been served by the latter. At present there are six bulls in the herd, a number which is in excess of our requirements. The following are details of these six bulls:—

CROVER ADVENTURE.—Hereford, one year and eight months. Purchased for serving low-yielding cows with a view to producing saleable calves. He is not very satisfactory for artificial insemination purposes.

OLDPARK HUNTER.—Pure-bred Friesian, 2 years, purchased August, 1951, for artificial insemination purposes. His milk ancestry is excellent and his dam has given over 3,000 gallons in her last lactation.

NAIRN BOLIBERT.—Pure-bred Friesian, 6 years and 10 months old, purchased August, 1951, for artificial insemination purposes. The latest reports from the previous owner state that his progeny are giving an average of 5 gallons per day in their first lactations. This bull is ideal for artificial insemination purposes.

GERRARDSTOWN ESQUIRE.—Pure-bred Friesian, 2 years, purchased August, 1950, as a calf. He has never been found to be infected with Tricomoniiasis. He was used during the past season to run with the bulling heifers. His dam gave 2,000 gallons in her last lactation, but her butter-fat at 2.5 per cent. is very low. I have offered this animal for sale but have failed to find a buyer. He is being fattened and will be disposed of in the near future.

CHAIGHEMANS TALISMAN.—Pure-bred Friesian, 8 years and 8 months, a proven bull whose daughters have given 1,000 gallons in their first lactation. He cannot be used for artificial insemination purposes as he resists handling and can only be used for natural service. He was infected with Tricomoniiasis but is now free after treatment. Since he cannot be used for artificial insemination purposes, he must be disposed of, and I recommend that he be sold for beef, because, having contracted this disease, it would not be advisable to sell him to a private breeder as re-infection might occur.

ALBERT AMBASSADOR 13th.—Shorthorn, aged 6 years and 8 months, purchased from the Albert Agricultural College. His heifers in the herd averaged 750 gallons in their first lactations. He is very suitable for artificial insemination purposes, but has been infected with Tricomoniiasis and is now clear. It is thought that the Department of Agriculture might again be interested in him.

Three of the above bulls are sufficient to meet the herd's requirements, two of which must be the first-named Friesians, together with either the Shorthorn or Hereford. I would like the Board to decide which of the latter two should be retained.

4. *Crops*.—All the crops have now been planted. The following is the acreage under each:—

Potatoes—95 statute acres, map measurement, completed 17/5/1952.

Barley—33 statute acres, map measurement, completed 15/5/1952.

Fodder Beet—14 statute acres, map measurement, completed 19/5/1952.

Wheat—95 statute acres, map measurement, completed 20/4/1952.

The planting of the above crops was completed about a week earlier than last year. To get through this programme it was necessary to get two men to work overnight on heavy tractors for a period of three/four weeks.

Most of the grass seeds have been sown in the corn crop. It is intended to commence silage-making at Turvey on the 20th and at Portraue a few days later.

The potato crop for 1951 has now been delivered to the stores and the following are details of the yields, together with the figures for the two preceding years:—

ACRES OR PLANTED	WARE		SEED TONS	YIELD PER ACRE	
	T.	C. Q.		T.	C. Q.
1949 76 (map measurement)	647	0.0	35	8 19 1	Plus 120 tons
1950 91 (map measurement)	760	14 3	30	8 15 3	.. 140 ..
1951 87 (map measurement)	711	0.0	30	8 11 0	.. 130 ..

5. *Grass*.—Grass has made very good growth on all farms and ample supplies are available. A large acreage is set aside for conversion to hay or silage as circumstances permit. Some of the fields are now receiving a second application of nitrogen at the rate of 1 cwt. per statute acre.



6. *Santry Court*.—Ten acres of Spring wheat sown in this farm had a bad attack of leather-jackets as it was appearing above ground. It was treated successfully with Paris green and bran. Although it received a complete dressing of artificial manures when sown, it later showed manurial deficiency, and a further dressing of artificials of 1 cwt. of nitro chalk and 1 cwt. of muriate of potash per acre were applied. It has now well recovered but may not yield a full crop.

Grass in this farm is making satisfactory growth but is not as good as in previous years. Pastures are showing a lot of docks and nettles.

The present livestock at Santry is 35 dry cows, 45 calves and 29 two-year-old heifers.

JAMES HAYES.

*Agricultural Manager.*

Orders made thereon:—

*Para. 1 and 2.* Noted.

*Para. 3.* Following a discussion with the Agricultural Manager, it was considered that Gerrardstown Esquire and Craigmains Talisman should be disposed of and the four other bulls retained for the time being.

*Para. 4, 5 and 6.* Noted.

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#### REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

22nd May, 1952.

#### PORTRANE.

1. Crops in season at the moment: 12 acres Spring cabbage, one acre scallions, one acre rhubarb, lettuce, parsley, thyme and sage.

Young crops and tillage: Sowed one acre of Swede turnips and one acre of carrots, preparing a further two acres for Swede turnips. The Spring onion and parsnip crops are doing well and are more forward than at this time last year.

Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens: Spraying fruit trees, sowing lettuce, peas, beans, beet and flower seeds.

#### GRANGEGORMAN.

Two acres have been prepared and sown with peas and French beans, also some small sowings of lettuce, parsley and beet. All shrubberies and walks are in good condition.

#### SANTRY COURT GARDENS.

All the glasshouses have been planted with tomatoes. Beet and pea seeds have been sown and general upkeep of walks and flower borders.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order. Noted.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION OF FARMS AND GARDENS.

29th April, 1952.

1. We attended at Santry Court on Tuesday, 29th April, 1952. We were accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, and Mr. Judge, Clerk of Works. Messrs. Marlon and Payne, representing the Clonliffe Harriers' Club, were present in accordance with arrangements made at the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 24th April.

Following upon a further and detailed examination of the grounds and the marking out of the site, we recommend that a plot of ground of approximately five acres in extent be leased or sold to the Clonliffe Harriers' Club on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Board and the Club.

It is our opinion that it would be more satisfactory to sell the plot of ground, and it is recommended that the Board approve of the disposal of the ground as it stands for a price of £100 per acre for the five acres mentioned in paragraph above, subject to the Club completing to the satisfaction of the Board a boundary wall around the plot.

The actual plot of ground which we recommended should be sold to the Club is situated as follows:—

The southern boundary point on the main wall is a point on the main wall 260 feet south of the left hand jamb of the railing at the small gate, north of the main entrance to the estate. The proposed southern boundary is formed by a line taken at approximately right angles from the wall at the above point and extending for a distance of 110 yards. The western boundary is formed by a line being taken at right angles from the end of the southern boundary and extending for a distance of at least 215 yards and roughly parallel with the main boundary wall, and the third boundary, the northern boundary, would be formed by a line taken from the extreme end of the western boundary and running at right angles from the western boundary line until it meets the main wall.

The proposed boundary lines and corners were marked out by Mr. Judge, the Clerk of Works, in our presence on the 29th April.

2. Following our visit to the Santry Estate, we continued on and inspected the Board's Farm at Turvey. We beg to report as follows:—

*Silo at Turvey.*—We note the improved work in progress at the Silo which was previously inspected by the Agricultural Inspection Committee and are of the opinion that the alterations now almost completed will prove satisfactory.

Mr. Hayes conducted us over Turvey Farm and we saw two fields of barley and two excellent fields of Spring wheat. We inspected the ground prepared for the potato crop which is in course of being planted, and understand that over 40 acres had been planted at the time of the inspection. It was intended to plant a further 55 acres. We also inspected a field prepared for a crop of fodder beet, and we feel we must stress our view that the tillage is excellent and that the work being done in utilising the maximum area in each field for tillage purposes and in removing the roots of trees and the hedges bordering the fields by mole-drafter should result in getting improved production from the fields concerned.

We were very much impressed with the condition of the fields which are in grass, and noted the system of ley farming, which appears to be giving excellent results.

3. We later on inspected the gardens at Portrane and note the excellent work that is being done in the gardens. We were particularly impressed with the progress of the early potato crop, and noted the very excellent crops of peas and lettuces.

We think it only proper to say, as a result of our inspection, that the Board is very fortunate in having the services of such efficient officers as the Agricultural Manager and the Head Gardener.

D. LARKIN.  
W. P. DONOHUE.  
WILLIAM LAWLESS.  
JOHN SMITHERS.

Orders made thereon:—

Par. 1. Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. J. Smithers: "We recommend that the Board approve in

principle of the disposal of this plot of ground to the Clonliffe Harriers and that the Manager be asked to submit a recommendation as to the terms on which it should be sold or let." Passed unanimously.

*Pars. 2 and 3. Noted.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 26th June, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor James Andrews.

.. C. M. Byrne.

.. Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Mr. J. Smithers.

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

G. M. BYRNE.

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

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*Report No. 151.*

19th June, 1952.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****BOARD MEETING.**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 19th day of June, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives:*—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne; Bernard Conway; Peadar Cowan, T.D.; Richard C. Keane; Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Mrs. Lillie O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.; Eugene Timmons, P.C.; Messrs. William Chase, John J. Jones, Richard Lawless, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecilia Keeble and Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives:*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Taggart, and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives:*—Councillors C. M. Byrne and Patrick McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor W. J. Colman.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 149 of 15th May, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

## CONDOLENCE.

Councillor C. M. Byrne proposed and Councillor B. Conway seconded, "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. Joseph Kearney, Inspector of Mental Hospitals, and we tender to his wife and family our sincerest sympathy with them in their bereavement."

The Manager and the Chief R.M.S. asked to be associated with this expression of sympathy.

The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 14/5/'52 to 18/6/'52, as under, was submitted and signed:—

			Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register ... 14/5/'52			1641	2000	3641
Admitted to 18/6/'52 ... ..			43	60	103
			1684	2060	3744
	Males	Females	Total		
Discharged					
to 18/6/'52	54	49	103		
Died to ditto	5	12	17		
Escaped to ditto	—	—	—	59	61
				120	
Remaining on Hospital Register					
18/6/'52 ... ..			1625	1999	3624
Absent on trial and escape					
18/6/'52 ... ..			5	20	25
Number actually resident 18/6/'52					
as per Morning Statement Book			1620	1979	3599



*Board Meeting,*

19th June, 1952.

## DISTRIBUTION.

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital ... ..	768	1248	2016
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ... ..	852	731	1583
Total number resident as above ...	1620	1979	3599

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ... ..	2671
County of Dublin ... ..	523
County Wicklow ... ..	336
Criminal Lunatics ... ..	52
Non-district patients ... ..	17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>3599</b>

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor Richard Keane proposed and Councillor T. J. Murray seconded the adoption of Report No. 150 of the Meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 22nd May, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

1st May, 1952.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

1. We visited Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Thursday, 1st May, and confined our inspection to the Women's Section.

It is a pleasure to notice the names of Saints on the various Wards instead of the old numbers which resembled a Prison more than a Hospital.

Our first call was to St. Anne's Ward. As it was a bright sunny day everything in the ward looked bright and cheerful.

The walls of this Ward could do with repainting but perhaps it is on the list of works to be carried out.

St. Clare's Ward was also bright and cheerful and the patients comfortable and happy.

The new Pavilion is one of the nicest parts of the whole Hospital. All the patients had their beds wheeled out into the sunshine.

This Pavilion was absolutely spotless and I think that the Nurse in charge deserves a word of praise.

2. The special Ward for new admissions was visited but as some patients were rather troublesome we did not delay.

We paid a brief visit to the Catholic Church and found everything in first-class order.

We did not visit the Protestant Church but hope the work suggested on a previous visit has been carried out.

The T.B. Pavilion is another fine part of the Hospital and all the patients were happy and cheerful lying out in the sun.

3. The path from the T.B. Pavilion to the Insulin Ward is very rough and sore on one's feet when walking. Perhaps this road could be rolled or at least made smoother than it is at present.

The No. 17 Passage could do with attention before next winter.

4. The Canteen seems to be well stocked. It was clean and tidy and business was in a flourishing condition.

In the Women's dining hall the first lunch had been served and the second was about to be served.

We were glad to see repairs are being carried out in the Dining Hall and passage leading from it as both are in bad condition.

All the patients in the Epileptic ward were very cheerful.

The Wards, St. Annunciata's and St. Jude's, were also visited and no complaints were received.

5. The Window Cleaning Contractor does not seem to be keeping the windows very clean as all over the Hospital we noticed that some of the windows were far from clean.

Some of the old wooden structures are badly in need of a coat of paint especially the window frames.

6. After Lunch, which was a most excellent one, we visited the Women's Therapy Section and watched the patients at work.

Some of the patients were making lovely rugs and others doing embroidery, weaving and knitting. The two old women who work the knitting machines and turn out lovely socks are to be highly commended.

We must congratulate the Instructress for her infinite pains and tact used to the patients.

7. On visiting the Laundry we were amazed to hear that an extra supply of cigarettes had not as yet been given to the patients helping with the Laundry work. As there are few patients able to do Laundry work, and so much to be done every day, we suggest the extra cigarettes be given as it would be cheaper than employing outside labour.

19th June, 1952.

An extra Presser is urgently needed in the Laundry to expedite the output of work.

The Doctors, Matron and Staff are to be congratulated on the excellent condition of the Hospital and patients.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

JAMES ANDREWS.

W. LAWLESS.

*Order.* Noted. See Manager's Report of this date.

26th May, 1952.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

1. We made a general inspection of the following Sections of the Institution at Grangegorman on Monday, 26th May, 1952:—

No. 23 Female Day Room requires immediate cleaning and painting.

2. We looked over the Gardener's house from the outside and from what we saw, we would recommend demolition instead of reconstruction, which, in our opinion, would be a waste of money.

3. We visited the Female Therapy Workshop and saw the patients mainly engaged on repairs. They seemed to be contented and happy.

We next visited Wards Nos. 15, 17, 18 and 19. The stairs to No. 18 requires immediate cleaning and water painting, and No. 15 Day Room, which is also a Visiting Hall, requires papering and painting.

4. Consideration would have to be given to the Boilers in the Female kitchen as they are very old. The Clerk of Works should be asked if it is possible to fit a discharge plug in the steam cookers for the purpose of washing and emptying, and thus eliminate the present system of having to use a ladle after washing and cleaning. We would also recommend the provision of a light trolley to replace the present heavy one.

5. We next visited the Laundry and found the patients content in their work. A very strong case was made to us regarding the necessity of a new electric ironer to overtake the increased white linen work now being done in the Laundry.

We had the usual request from a number of patients for an increase in their cigarette ration.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY.

C. M. BYRNE.

*Order.* Noted. See Manager's Report of this date.

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 17th July, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis.

Councillor Eugene Timmons.

Mr. Richard Lawless.

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## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

Councillor Sean Taggart.

Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

## MANAGER'S SPECIAL REPORT.

GRANGEORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

DUBLIN.

*3rd June, 1952.**Re: Sale of Field at Ballalease South.*

A Chara,

In September, 1950, the Dublin County Council informed me that the Department of Local Government had rejected a proposal to acquire for housing purposes part of a field at Ballymastone which the Board had agreed to sell. The Department had instructed the Council that all housing still to be provided in the Donabate area should be sited immediately adjoining the existing scheme at Donabate and the Council had approached Mr. Joseph Keeling, the owner of an adjoining field, with a view to its purchase. Mr. Keeling was unwilling to sell unless he could be provided with other grazing accommodation.

In view of the fact that the Board had agreed to sell part of the land at Ballymastone, the Dublin County Council put forward the following alternative proposal, viz.:— That the Board should sell to the Council the field known as Ballalease South, comprising 10 acres, 1 rood and 4 perches or thereabouts and that the Council

should convey that field to Mr. Joseph Keeling in exchange for the field at Donabate which they required to complete their housing scheme.

On 21st June, 1951, the Board adopted a recommendation of the Agricultural Committee for the sale of the field at Ballalease South to the Dublin County Council for £1,100. The usual notification of the proposed sale had been given to each member of the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946. The consent of the Minister for Health was obtained on 24th September, 1951, and the Board's Law Adviser was instructed to proceed with arrangements for the transfer.

The Dublin County Council's solicitor has since advised them that the proper and most economical procedure is to have the field at Ballalease South transferred direct from the Board to Mr. Joseph Keeling, as nominee of the Council and then to get a transfer of the field at Donabate from Mr. Keeling to the Council. The Board at its meeting on 21st February, 1952, approved of this change of method but I am advised by the Department of Health that it will be necessary to follow the procedure laid down in Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, before the field can be transferred to Mr. Keeling, as proposed.

I am, therefore, sending by post to each member of the Board formal notice of the proposal to transfer to Mr. Joseph Keeling, Ballalease West, Co. Dublin, as nominee of the Dublin County Council, the field at Ballalease South, comprising 10 acres 1 rood and 4 perches or

19th June, 1952.

thereabouts, in consideration of the payment by the Council to the Board of the sum of £1,100.

The field in question is part of a holding known as Ballymastone and Ballalease South, which comprises 102 acres 2 roods and 3 perches approximately. The holding was purchased from Bridget McAllister in December, 1925, for £3,500 and it is subject to an annuity to the Irish Land Commission of £17/14/10 a half year.

Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, provides:—

- (i) That at the first meeting of the Board held after the expiration of ten clear days of the notice the Board may resolve that the disposal shall not be carried out or that it shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the resolution.
- (ii) If the Board do not pass a resolution to the above effect the disposal may, with the consent of the Minister, be carried out.
- (iii) If the Board resolves that the disposal shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the resolution in paragraph (i) hereof the disposal may, with the consent of the Minister be carried out in accordance with those terms.
- (iv) If the Board resolves that the disposal shall not be carried out it shall not be carried out.

JOHN P. KEANE,

Manager.

To each member of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.



Board Meeting.

19th June, 1952.

*Order.* Proposed by Councillor Sean Taggart, seconded by Councillor Miss Mary C. Ennis, "That the Manager's proposal be approved." Passed unanimously.

# MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

18th June, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 11th instant was:—

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman ...	763	1249	2012
In Portrane ...	855	732	1587
Totals	1618	1981	3599

as compared with:—

11th June, 1951 ...	1575	1945	3520
11th June, 1950 ...	1585	1937	3522
11th June, 1949 ...	1518	1883	3401
11th June, 1948 ...	1546	1820	3366

this years' number being 79 more than on the corresponding date last year, and 233 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Male patient W.S. (2589), aged 40 years, suddenly collapsed in the dayroom of No. 6 division at Grangegorman

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on the 6th May. A post mortem examination revealed sclerosis of the coronary vessels, and the cause of death was certified as coronary occlusion. The Coroner was notified but did not deem an inquest necessary.

On the 9th ultimo female patient R.P. (16523), aged 81 years, became suddenly ill in the dayroom of No. 23 division at Portrane and died within a few minutes. The Coroner was notified and did not consider an inquest necessary. Death was certified as being due to myocarditis and cardiac failure.

On the 11th ultimo female patient M.F. (26363), aged 67 years, became weak in the dayroom of No. 11 division at Portrane and died in about ten minutes. The Coroner was notified and did not consider an inquest necessary. Death was certified as being due to myocarditis and cardiac failure.

4. Male patient P.B. (4186) escaped from No. 5 division at Grangegorman about 5 p.m. on the 20th May. This patient had been working in the Hospital. When last seen he was sitting outside the hospital division. I have discussed the circumstances of the escape with the Chief R.M.S. and I agree with him that no blame can be attached to any member of the staff in connection therewith.

5. No serious accidents to patients in Grangegorman or Portrane are reported during the past month.

6. *Accidents to Staff* (Grangegorman). A number of minor accidents to staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

7. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane). Charge Nurse M. McD. slipped and fell when out walking on the 11th May, and fractured her right ankle.

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On the 20th ultimo Female Attendant S.D. was bitten on the finger by a refractory patient. She received medical treatment and did not go off duty.

M. O'L., fitter, sustained a severe injury to his upper lip on the 30th April when the starter handle of a motor lawn mower struck him. He received immediate medical attention and was able to resume duty on the 2nd May.

8. Satisfactory progress is being made on the work of converting the old laundry at Grangegorman by direct labour. Foundation trenches are being excavated, roof lights are being taken down and demolition work and breaking of opes, etc., are in hands.

I have accepted the tender of Messrs. W. H. Haywood & Co., Ltd., for approximately £1,782 for supplying and fitting patent glazing in the roofs, the Architect having recommended this as the most advantageous of four tenders received.

9. There is a lodge in the female grounds at Grangegorman, formerly occupied by a retired female pharmacist who died recently. I have authorised the expenditure of a sum of approximately £265 on the improvement of this house. The work consists mainly of providing a back wall, making an entry from the roadway, and replacing a built-up window, and when it is completed the lodge will be suitable for occupation by one of the married male nursing staff.

10. The Architect has submitted plans for the new stores buildings, which are under consideration.

11. I have accepted the tender of Korkoid Decorative Floors, Ltd., Glasgow, for the supplying and laying of lino in the T.B. unit attached to No. 23 division at Grangegorman at the price of 28/3 per square yard, being the

lowest of the tenders obtained from three specialist firms for this work.

12. The Minister for Health has sanctioned the sketch plans submitted for the houses for the Farmyard Foreman and Works Foreman at Portrane, and the Architect has been instructed to prepare working drawings and specification at the earliest possible date.

13. I have authorised the expenditure of a sum of approximately £250 on the conversion of a number of unused rooms in Portrane into bedrooms for the nursing staff. The expenditure of this sum will provide accommodation for eight female nurses and three male nurses, which is badly needed.

14. In answer to an enquiry made at the meeting of the Board last month, the Chief Engineer informs me that concrete purchased already mixed is more suitable and more economic than hand-mixed concrete. He estimates the cost of hand mixed concrete at 60/- per cubic yard and he can purchase ready-mixed concrete at 53/6 per cubic yard.

15. Tenders were recently invited for the supply of coal to Grangegorman and Portrane, and the following were accepted:—

*P. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd.:*

80 tons House Coal at £8/0/6 per ton.

*Wallace Bros., Ltd.:*

70 tons House Coal at £8/0/6 per ton.

*Tedcastle, McCormick & Co., Ltd.:*

80 tons Steam Coal at £8/0/6 per ton.

*McKenzie & Co.:*

70 tons Steam Coal at £8/0/6 per ton.

*Tedcastle, McCormick & Co., Ltd.:*

20 tons Anthracite at £10/14/0 per ton.

Dublin Gas Co.:

250 tons Coke at £7 per ton (large) and £7/10/0 per ton (Alco).

I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Doherty & Co. for the haulage of turf briquettes at 9/- per ton for haulage to Grangegorm and 13/6 per ton to Portrane. The quantity to be hauled is approximately 1,000 tons and the period of the contract is from the 1st June to the 31st October next.

16. I have accepted the following tenders for the supply of Nurses' uniform clothing, boots and shoes during the period ending 31st March, 1953:—

Item No.		£ s. d.	Price April 1951
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
3	McBIRNEY & Co. LTD.:		
29	Male Nurses' caps	@ 0 11 9 each	0 12 11 each
	Male Nurses' shirts	@ 0 16 6 "	0 16 3 "
	TODD BURNS & Co. LTD.:		
4 & 5	Head and Deputy Head Male Nurses' uniforms	@ 10 12 9 "	13 18 9 "
6 & 7	Male Nurses' uniforms (with additional trousers)	@ 11 4 7 "	16 11 6 "
9	Nurses' overcoats, female	@ 5 9 10 "	5 17 6 "
12	Nurses' belts (dressed)	@ 2 6 8 doz.	1 16 0 doz.
14 & 15	Nurses' collars	@ 1 1 0 "	1 1 0 "
16	Nurses' cuffs	@ 1 3 11 "	—
17	Knickers, Nurses W.	@ 2 3 0 "	2 1 5 "
18	" " O.S.	@ 2 7 11 "	2 5 5 "
19	" " X.O.S.	@ 2 15 0 "	2 9 0 "
21	Ties	@ 1 4 6 "	1 8 11 "
2	Male Nurses' shoes	@ 1 9 0 pair	1 7 0 pair
	PIN BROS. LTD.:		
8	Men's fringe overcoats	@ 5 9 8 each	8 6 0 each
22	Stockings, nurses	@ 2 0 0 doz.	1 16 0 doz.
13	J. J. NICHOLL LTD.:		
	Nurses' caps	@ 1 3 0 doz.	1 5 6 doz.
	HENRY ST. WHOLESALE WAREHOUSE:		
10	Nurses' aprons W.	@ 0 9 3 each	0 11 9 each
11	" " O.S.	@ 0 10 11 "	0 12 9 "
20	" slips W.	@ 3 14 2 doz.	3 11 0 doz.
20	" " W.X.	@ 3 19 4 "	—
21	" " O.S.	@ 4 4 0 "	5 2 0 "
22	" variegates	@ 1 8 0 each	—
	DENSON LTD.:		
1	Male Nurses' boots	@ 1 10 0 pair	1 11 6 pair
4	Female Nurses' shoes	@ 1 6 0 "	1 10 6 "

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17. Further to paragraph 19 of my report to the last meeting of the Board, I hope to have for completion at this meeting the mortgage deed in connection with the loan of £13,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works. The loan is for a period of ten years and is required to defray over-expenditure on the construction of the T.B. pavilions at Grangegorma and the cost of laundry machinery for Portrane.

18. Article 3 of the Third Schedule to the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, provides that the number of members of a Joint Board to be appointed by the Council of a County or Corporation of a County Borough shall as nearly as possible be proportional to the contributions payable by the Council or Corporation to the expenses of the Joint Board during the local financial year ending on the 31st day of March next previous to the appointment. Since the introduction of the Mental Treatment Act the number of members appointed by the contributing authorities on this basis has been:—

Dublin Corporation	...	28
Dublin County Council	...	5
Wicklow County Council	...	3
		—
Total		36

Owing to the increased proportion of the expenses payable by the Wicklow County Council for the year ended 31st March, 1952, there will be a change in the constitution of the Board for the coming year, viz.:—

Authority	Contribution payable year ended 31st March, 1952	No. of members to be appointed
City of Dublin	£433,580.075	27.366 = 27
County Dublin	81,388.567	5.137 = 5
County Wicklow	55,398.528	3.497 = 4
Total	£570,367.170	36 = 36

Accordingly, at the next general appointment of members, the number of members to be appointed by the Dublin Corporation will be reduced by one and the number to be appointed by the Wicklow County Council will be increased by one.

19. On 27th September last the Federation of Rural Workers submitted copy of an agreement which they had made with the Agricultural Association of Ireland and which provided, *inter alia*, for an increase of 10/- a week from 21st April, 1951, in the wages of adult farm workers in the Dublin area, and a new minimum of £4 a week. The Board's adult farm workers had been paid a minimum of £4 a week plus 2/- a week harvest bonus from 16th December, 1949.

On 18th October last the Board authorised the additional expenditure involved in an increase of 10/- a week to its adult farm labourers (with pro rata increases for juveniles) with effect from 21st April, 1951. This adjustment increased the minimum rate for adult workers to £4/10/0 a week (plus harvest bonus averaging 2/- a week) and it was approved by the Minister for Health on 1st November, 1951.

The Federation of Rural Workers has now submitted copy of a further agreement made in 19th May, 1952, which provides, *inter alia*, for an increase of 5/- a week from 19th January, 1952, for all adult farm workers, with a new mini-

mun of £4/5/0, and they have applied for a similar adjustment for the Board's farm staff.

The following table shows the relative position of the Board's adult farm workers, if this increase is granted:—

Age Group	Agr. Wages Board Minimum Rates From 28/4/52 (54 hour week)	Agric. Assoc. Minimum Rates From 19/1/52 (47-50 hour week)	G.M.H. Board Minimum Rates From 19/1/52 (47-50 hour week)
20 years and over	£ s. d. 4 10 0	£ s. d. 4 5 0	£ s. d. 4 15 0*
15 years	£ s. d. 4 10 0	£ s. d. 4 5 0	£ s. d. 4 10 0*

\*Plus 2/- harvest bonus.

Dairy workers in the Board's employment are paid an additional 10/- a week and there are various rates of additional pay for other workers performing special duties.

It will be noted that the recent agreement between the Federation of Rural Workers and the Agricultural Association of Ireland provides for an increase of 5/- a week on all rates for adult workers existing at 29th January, 1952. I am informed by the Federation that a number of employers in County Dublin have been paying rates higher than the minimum laid down in recent agreements but I have been unable to obtain any information as to the number of such employers or the actual rates which they pay.

The cost of granting an increase of 5/- a week from 21st January, 1952, to the Board's adult farm labourers would be approximately £910 in the current financial year and £765 a year thereafter.

The Farm Account for the financial year 1951/52 has not yet been closed but I hope to be in a position to give, at the Board Meeting, some indication of the probable result of the



year's operations. I think it will be necessary to consider very seriously whether it will be possible to maintain the payment of rates in excess of the standards fixed by agreement for the generality of employers in the Dublin area. I feel that the Board should not be expected to pay more than the rates paid by good employers in its own area but, as I have stated above, I have been unable to obtain precise information on this point.

20. I have had under consideration for a considerable time an application from Messrs. John Clarke & Sons, Ltd., for an increase of 6d. per dozen in their contract price for eggs supplied to Grangegorman and Portrane during the period from the 30th April to the 31st July, 1951. The contractors' claim was based on the fact that the price paid to producers of eggs had been increased by that amount by order of the Minister for Agriculture after the contract had been made. The claim was submitted eventually to the Department of Health who informed me that the Minister saw no objection to granting it, provided I was satisfied that the amount claimed was due in equity. Being satisfied that the contractor was entitled in equity to this relief, I authorised payment of an additional 6d. per dozen for eggs supplied after the 30th April.

JOHN P. KEANE.

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

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21. Since 10th ultimo 51 male and 65 female patients were admitted, total 116. One hundred and six of these

were chargeable patients, of whom 23 were persons of unsound mind, 52 were temporary and 31 voluntary. Also admitted were one private person of unsound mind, one temporary private patient and two voluntary private patients. Three patients were admitted for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945: one by order of the President of the High Court and one criminal lunatic. One male patient was admitted as a lodger from Letterkenny Mental Hospital to attend Court.

22. With reference to the inspections carried out at Oranmore on the 1st May by Councillors James Andrews, Catherine Byrne and William Lawless, and on the 26th May by Councillor C. M. Byrne and Mr. T. P. O'Reilly, I have to report:—

#### INSPECTION 1st MAY.

*Item (i)* The Clerk of Works is of opinion that St. Anne's Ward is not in immediate need of redecoration having regard to the amount of more urgent work in hands for the current year.

*Item (ii)* The recommendation in regard to the Protestant Church was dealt with at the last meeting of the Board.

*Item (iii)* The path referred to has been tidied up and improved.

*Item (v)* The Clerk of Works is of opinion that the window cleaning contractor is carrying out his work reasonably well. It must be borne in mind that the windows are cleaned only once every three months. The current cleaning is in hands at present, having been commenced about two weeks after the inspection.

*Item (vii)* The issue of cigarettes to patients working in the laundry at Grangegorman has been increased to a number sufficient to provide an average of 14 cigarettes per patient per week instead of seven per patient per week as heretofore. Provision for this increased issue was made in the estimate for the current year.

I have instructed the Clerk of Works to investigate the output from the section of the laundry referred to by the Visiting Members with a view to procuring an extra presser if necessary.

#### INSPECTION, 26th MAY, 1952.

*Item (ii)* I would like to discuss with the Board the suggestion that the Gardener's house should be demolished.

*Item (iii)* The Clerk of Works may be able to carry out this year the painting recommended by the Visiting Members but he had hoped to concentrate mainly on external work.

*Item (iv)* The steam boilers in the kitchen are considered to be satisfactory and they are passed by the Board's insurers. The Clerk of Works is of opinion that the fitting of discharge plugs would not be satisfactory.

*Item (v)* The suggestions made about the laundry are dealt with above.

23. Four tenders were received in response to public advertisement for repairs to the existing plant in the cold room attached to the meat stores at Grangegorman and for the installation of a complete new plant. One tender only was received for the repair of the existing plant at a cost of

£122/4/0 and four were received for the installation of a new plant, viz.:—

Tender No. 1. £430.

Tender No. 2. £518 less allowance of £46 for old plant.

Tender No. 3. £546.

Tender No. 4. £700.

On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the lowest tender, that of Messrs. Refrigeration, Ltd., for a new installation.

24. The Minister for Health has informed me that he has instructed Dr. V. J. Dolphin, Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals, to hold an Inquiry on Oath into all the circumstances connected with the discovery on the 2nd February, 1952, of a quantity of beef in the engine room at Portrane, and other matters arising therefrom. The date on which the Inquiry will be opened has not yet been fixed.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

**ORDERS MADE THEREON:**

*Par. 11.* Further report to be submitted.

*Par. 14.* Portrane Visiting Committee to discuss with the Chief Engineer.

*Par. 17.* Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Richard Keane "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the deed of mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works

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in Ireland for the repayment of a sum of Thirteen Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945."

Passed unanimously.

*Par 18.* Noted.

*Par. 19.* Proposed by Councillor P. Cowan, seconded by Mr. John Smithers, "That this question be referred to the Agricultural Committee for examination and report."

Passed unanimously.

*Par 22.* Noted. Gardener's house to be inspected by Grangegorman Visiting Committee.

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

*Falconer, Dublin.*

*Report No. 152.**26th June, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.****AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 26th day of June, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Sean Dunne, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

**REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.***26th June, 1952.***1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies:—**

Since my last report of 22nd May, 1952, forty-six tuberculin-tested milch cows have been purchased, costing £2,288 10s. 0d., an average of £49 15s. 0d. each.

With the purchase of the above cows, milk supplies have been well maintained to both hospitals. A shortage of 27 gallons occurred on nine occasions between 22nd May and 7th June, and this was met by purchasing. Since 8th June to date full supplies have been maintained. At the moment Grangegorman is getting 277 gallons and Portrane 221 gallons per day. The total daily production from 208 cows is 507 gallons or 2.13 gallons per cow.

**2. Mastitis:—**

During the past month there were only a few cases of mastitis. These responded to treatment. The incidence of the disease is very slight at the moment.

**3. Tricomoniasis:—**

(a) The bull, Albert Ambassador 18th, on test for this disease, is progressing satisfactorily. He is being used extensively for artificial insemination and has so far proved very satisfactory.

(b) Craigiemains Talisman was disposed of on 28th May, realising £99 17s. 0d. gross.

(c) The other young bull, Gerrardtown Esquire, has not yet been sold as he was not quite fat. He has been used to serve a few cows which could not be got in calf with artificial insemination.

I have had an enquiry for the sale of this bull for breeding purposes and I may be able to dispose of him.

So far one cow has calved to artificial insemination and a number will be calving from now on.

**4. Grass:—**

Grass has made satisfactory growth up to recently and ample supplies were available. Growth is now much retarded and pastures are at present receiving a dressing of 1 cwt. nitrogen per statute acre.

**5. Crops:—**

All crops are making satisfactory growth. The weeding and moulding of the potato crop is nearing completion. The grain crop looks promising and the fodder beet is now being singled. The filling of the silo pits at Portrane and Turvey Farms is still in progress but grass is now getting rather



strong and the pits will soon have to be sealed off. It may be possible to add some aftergrass to these pits at a later date.

About 30 acres of hay has been cut and made up.

**6. Santry Court:—**

About 60 acres of grass has been closed off and will be cut, principally for hay and probably a small acreage for silage. Most of the crop will be rather light as all of the fields were grazed early in the season.

The present livestock at Santry is 46 dry cows, 20 two-year-old springing heifers and 58 calves.

**7.** For some years past, especially since maximum tillage and ley farming came into operation, it has been found very difficult to get the work carried out at the proper time—crops are late planted in the spring with a consequent lag in all operations right through the season until harvesting is completed. The lifting and storing of the potato crop is seldom completed before the end of December. Silage making is held up each year owing to the late planting of the potato crop, grass is usually ready for cutting a few weeks before a start can be made in the filling of the silo pits, with a consequent lowering of the quality of the silage made. In my opinion, this is not the way to obtain the best results from our farming here and an effort should be made to improve upon the methods at present in operation.

The present position is due to various causes, of which the principal are:—

(a) Lack of sufficient heavy tractors to work all the implements required for the preparation of the ground and the planting of the crops. At present there are six tractors

on the farm, viz.: 1937 Fordson practically worn out; two Ford 8 N.A.N.s, one delivering milk and vegetables to Grangegorm and one for light farm work; three Fordson Major Diesels, two only with hydraulic lifts. The following tractor implements are used in the preparation and planting of the crops:—

Artificial manure spreader, farmyard manure spreader.  
2 Disc harrows, 2 hydraulic ploughs, hydraulic rotovator.  
Hydraulic potato planter and hydraulic cultivators.

Due to lack of another heavy tractor, it was not found possible to use the new Robot Potato Planter during the present season.

From the six tractors on hands there is generally one immobilized for the greater part of the year for repairs and breakdowns.

(b) With the present system of farming—the growing of all tillage crops on grassland and with no reserve stock of farmyard manure—it is not possible to have the ground manured and ploughed in the early winter. At present sufficient manure is not available until late spring, also the extension of the grazing season in the spring and autumn has greatly reduced the quantity of manure being made, thus leaving tillage operations very late and, therefore, much more laborious. As a trial and with the object of building up a reserve supply of farmyard manure, 25 acres of potatoes were planted this season on artificials alone.

(c) Arising out of the above, the labour problem has become acute and necessitates the working of a large amount of overtime which tends to become uneconomic when overdone. During the year ending 31st March, 1952, £1,100 was

paid for overtime worked on farm operations. This would employ almost an extra five men for the year round.

With the purchase of additional machinery and the employment of a few extra men, the greater part of the overtime could be eliminated except for haymaking and harvesting.

(d) Machinery was purchased for distribution of liquid manure from the farmyards, but due to the shortage of tractors this was only used partially for one season and only then outside normal working hours.

In an endeavour to improve on the obvious defects of the present system it would be necessary to purchase the following additional farm equipment:—

One heavy diesel tractor with hydraulic lift and power take-off (approximate price) ... ..	£700	0s.	0d.
One light diesel tractor in lieu of 1937 model ... ..	£500	0s.	0d.
Two 3-ton tractor trailers at £150 each ... ..	£300	0s.	0d.
One greencrop loader ... ..	£200	0s.	0d.
Total ... ..	£1700	0s.	0d.

The initial outlay is heavy but there should be a considerable saving in overtime and possibly in overall labour costs, an improvement in our farming methods and improvement in crop yields, especially potatoes.

JAMES HAYES.

*Agricultural Manager.*

Orders made thereon:—

*Para. 1 to 6.* Noted.

*Par. 7 (d.).* On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, it was agreed to purchase a greencrop loader for £500 approximately instead of £280. It was also agreed to purchase a mid-mounted mower for £100, increasing the sum to be expended on farm equipment to £2,100.

### REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, PORTRANE.

26th June, 1952.

#### 1. *Vegetable Fields.*

All crops are doing well and there is abundant supply of spring cabbage and autumn onions. I have just completed the weeding of spring onions (6 acres) and they are now being thinned. The crop appears most promising. The weeding and thinning of parsnips (5 acres) is finished. I expect an average yield from this crop. One acre of early sown Swede turnips has been thinned and grubbed, two acres of late sown Swede are now up. One acre of early carrots has been sprayed with T.V.O. A second acre is now in the seedling stage and is not quite forward enough to apply T.V.O. During the past week one acre of Brussel sprouts was planted and I am at the moment preparing ground for cauliflower and leeks.

#### 2. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*

All fruit and vegetables in this section are doing well. Apple and pear trees have received the fourth application of fungicide and insecticide spray and the young fruit at the moment appears to be clean and free from pests. The first

picking of bush fruit commenced this week. The following are the number of fruit trees and bushes in Portrane Gardens at the moment:—

Apple, 289; pear, 60; gooseberry, 568, currant, 93; plum, 27.

Turnip, parsley, thyme, mint, sage are supplied daily and lettuce twice weekly to the kitchens.

All flower beds on hospital grounds have been planted with summer flowering plants.

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3. Two acres of ground have been ploughed and manured in preparation for planting leeks and Brussel sprouts, sowing turnips, lettuce and peas. Flower beds on grounds have been planted with flowering annuals. Recreation grounds and shrubberies are kept in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order. Noted.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION—FARMS AND GARDENS.

29th May, 1952.

1. We visited the farm and gardens at Portrane and the farms at Turvey and Ballymastone on 29th May, 1952.

2. We saw the three bulls, including a two-year-old Friesian, which were discussed at the last meeting of the Agricultural Committee.

3. We walked the crops and viewed the potato crop, which was looking good: One acre of Queens, two of Kerr's Pinka, five of Epicurus and seven acres of a new variety, Home

Guards, all looking good—the Queens doing particularly well, as was the cabbage on Reilly's Hill and five acres of Spring wheat on the Moor which had not been tilled for some years.

4. We observed a large pile of bones, which, on enquiry, we were told, were being exchanged at the Ringsend Bone Meal Factory for Bone Meal.

5. We saw 15 sows, 12 with litters, one having 19 bon-hams; specially noteworthy were 15 store sows and two boars, 19 stores, one fat pig and two dry sows.

6. The garden was in fine order. May Queen potatoes were almost ready to lift. Gooseberries were an extra good crop, showing no trace of mildew and peas well advanced. We were satisfied that the motor scythe was a sound investment in both efficiency and labour saving.

7. At Turvey we were pleased with the progress of the crops generally, which included 51 acres potatoes, 37 wheat, 22 barley and 14 of fodder beet, in addition to other crops, such as 15 acres grass for the silo pit.

8. The 55 cows milking at Ballynastone were looking very sleek and giving good returns, two giving five gallons per day. Wheat, barley, nine acres potatoes, half an acre of onions, in addition to other vegetables, were well advanced for the time of year.

C. M. BYRNE.  
JAMES ANDREWS.  
M. C. ENNIS.  
T. P. O'REILLY.  
JOHN SMITHERS.

*Order. Noted.*

**APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.**

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 24th July, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

„ James Andrews.

„ C. M. Byrne.

„ Sean Dunne, T.D.

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**FARM WORKERS' WAGES.**

Paragraph 19 of the Manager's Report to the Board of 13th June, which was referred to the Agricultural Committee for examination and report, was considered.

Councillor Dunne proposed and Councillor James Andrews seconded: "That the Committee recommend that the Board empower the Manager to raise the necessary money to provide the increased rates of wages applied for by the Federation of Rural Workers on behalf of the Board's agricultural workers."

Passed, Councillor Miss Eavis dissenting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.**

1. Letter dated 22nd May from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, with regard to the acquisition of a site on Santry Court Estate for building purposes.

*Order. The Committee recommend that their previous decision of 27th March, 1952, be adhered to.*

2. Letter dated 7th June from the Hon. Secretary, 1st Dublin Group Boy Scouts, requesting permission to have week-end camps in Santry Court Estate.

*Order. The Committee recommended that permission be not granted as the Estate is used for agricultural purposes.*

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KEVIN KEANE,  
*Acting Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*



## Report No. 153.

17th July, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in the Board-room, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 17th day of July, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

*City of Dublin Representatives* :—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne ; Bernard Conway ; William J. Colman, P.C. ; Peadar Cowan, T.D. ; Gilbert Hughes ; Richard C. Keane ; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C. ; Eugene Timmons, P.C. ; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C. ; William Chase ; Thomas O'Reilly ; Richard Lawless ; John Smithers ; John Jones ; Mrs. Essie O'Byrne ; and Mrs. Cecilia Keeble.

*County Dublin Representatives* :—Councillors James Andrews ; Sean Dunne, T.D. ; Sean Taggart ; and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives* :—Councillors C. M. Byrne ; William Lawless ; Patrick McCarthy ; and P. P. O'Reilly.

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The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 151 of the 19th June, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Councillor Mrs. Nix seconded: "That Councillor Denis Larkin be elected Chairman."

Proposed by Councillor Richard Keane, seconded by Mrs. C. Keeble: "That Councillor William J. Colman be elected Chairman."

A poll was taken and Councillor Denis Larkin received 14 votes and Councillor W. J. Colman 10 votes. The voting was as follows:—

*For Councillor Larkin*:—Councillors Conway, Cowan, Larkin, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Dunne, Taggart, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, Messrs. Chase, Smithers and Jones. (14).

*For Councillor Colman*:—Councillors Mrs. Byrne, Hughes, Keane, Colman, Andrews, Miss Ennis, Messrs. Cahill, R. Lawless, Mrs. O'Byrne and Mrs. Keeble. (10).

Councillor Denis Larkin was declared elected.

Mr. William Chase proposed and Mr. J. Jones seconded: "That Councillor C. M. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman."

Councillor Sean Taggart proposed and Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis seconded: "That Councillor W. J. Colman be elected Vice-Chairman."

A poll was taken and Councillor C. M. Byrne received 17 votes and Councillor W. J. Colman 7 votes. The voting was as follows:—

*For Councillor C. M. Byrne*:—Councillors Conway, Cowan, Hughes, Larkin, Mrs. Nix, Timmons, Andrews, Dunne, C. M. Byrne, Wm. Lawless, McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly, Messrs. Chase, Smithers, Jones, Mrs. O'Byrne and Mrs. Keeble. (17).

*For Councillor W. J. Colman* :—Councillors Mrs. C. Byrne, R. Keane, Colman, Taggart, Miss Ennis, Messrs. Cahill and R. Lawless. (7).

Councillor C. M. Byrne was declared elected Vice-Chairman.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Mr. John Cahill, seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman, the following were unanimously appointed members of the Agricultural Committee, to hold office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Board :—

Councillor	Denis Larkin.
"	James Andrews.
"	C. M. Byrne.
"	Joseph Dignam
"	Sean Dume.
"	W. P. Donohoe.
"	Miss M. C. Ennis.
"	Gilbert Hughes.
"	William Lawless.
Mr.	Thomas O'Reilly.
Mr.	John Smithers.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Councillor B. Conway, seconded by Councillor William Lawless, the following were appointed members of the Special Building Committee, to hold office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Board :—

Councillor Denis Larkin.  
 " James Andrews.  
 " W. J. Colman.  
 " Miss M. C. Ennis.  
 " William Lawless.  
 " Mrs. Kathleen Nix.  
 " Patrick McCarthy.  
 Mr. John Cahill.  
 Mr. John J. Jones.  
 Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.  
 Mr. John Smithers.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 18th June to 16th July, 1952 as under was submitted and signed:—

	Males		Females	Total
On Hospital Register 18th June, 1952	1625	1999		3624
Admitted to 16th July, 1952	50	47		97
	1675	2046		3721
	Males		Females	Total
Discharged to:				
16th July, 1952	26	33		59
Died to do.	7	10		17
Escaped to do.	1	—		1
	34	43		77
Remaining on Hospital Register 16th July, 1952	1641	2003		3644
Absent on trial and escape 16th July, 1952	7	17		24
Number actually resident on 16th July, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1634	1986		3620

## DISTRIBUTION.

Number of patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	787	1256	2043
Number of patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	847	730	1577
Total number resident as above 16th July, 1952	1634	1986	3620

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	2687
County of Dublin	528
County Wicklow	337
Criminal Lunatics	51
Non-district patients	17
Total	3620

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Councillor Mrs. Nix seconded the adoption of Report No. 152 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 26th June, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

Arising out of this report, Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded: "That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £2,100 on additional farm machinery and a sum of £910 on increased wages for farm workers, in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1952-53. *Passed unanimously.*"

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

25th June, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., we visited the kitchens before lunch. Preparation of patients' dinners was in progress. The food looked good and well-cooked.

At the meal hour, we visited the Female Dining Hall. Dinner consisted of soup, meat, vegetables and potatoes. The patients were enjoying their meal. The usual complaints were listened to from a couple of patients.

Dr. Harte was in the dining hall during the serving of the patients' dinner.

We would recommend, if possible, that a half-slice of bread be provided with the soup for the patients.

2. After lunch we visited the private laundry. The new calender washing machine, wringer and apron presser were working. It was a pleasure to watch the speed at which clothes were turned out finished. The new collar presser is not quite finished and we could not see it working.

In the general laundry, men were putting fresh covers on the new Calender. The new washing machines were in action. The Laundress explained how labour saving the machines were. Patients and staff were happy at their work. There were no complaints.

3. We visited the Old Ladies' Ward (No. 3). It was clean and tidy and there were no complaints.

We inspected refractory Wards Nos. 4, 5, 7. The patients were well-looked after by the staff. All dormitories and day-rooms were a credit to the Hospital, also the patients' wash-up. There was a wireless set in the dayroom of No. 4. It brightens up the long day for patients on the recovery list. There were no complaints.

4. We visited the Male and Female Sanatoria. The patients in bed were very comfortable; some were reading and others sleeping. The surroundings were bright and beautiful. Some of the T.B. patients were walking about.

5. We inspected the carpenter's shop where very useful work is carried out by the patients, making and repairing furniture for the institution. The patients seemed happy.

6. In the Occupational Therapy unit patients were busy carrying out useful work and each at his own job. We chatted with the patients and took all complaints.

We would recommend an assistant to relieve Mr. Buckley who is at present in charge. It is not a work shop that can be left even with good patients for any period of time.

7. During our rounds several patients mentioned about the great days outing they had and how they enjoyed it.

8. Miss Fitzpatrick, Laundress, retired on pension on Monday, 30th June, 1952, after long and faithful services. We wished her, on behalf of the Board, every happiness and success and many years of health to enjoy her pension.

9. We called on Mr. Chalmers, the Chief Engineer, in connection with the enquiry at the last Board meeting about the difference in cost of hand-mixed and ready-mixed concrete. The Engineer still states that ready-mixed concrete at 53s. 6d. per cubic yard works out much cheaper and a better job than the hand-mixed at 60s. per cubic yard. He quoted one instance where a job was carried out at the Turvey Farm

with hand-mixed concrete. Complaints were made by the Board's Inspection Committee in connection with this job. The smaller jobs are carried out with hand-made concrete and this amounts to about 300 tons per year. For larger jobs it is necessary to use ready-mixed concrete to get satisfactory results.

SEAN TAGGART.

MRS. CECELIA KEEBLE.

*Order : Noted.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangeorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 21st August, date of next meeting of the Board :—

##### GRANGEORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. Richard Lawless.

Councillor E. Timmons.

##### PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

" William Lawless.

" Mrs. Nix.

Mr. William Chase.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

11th July, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 8th instant was :—



	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman	771	1,249	2,020
In Portrane	848	730	1,578
	<u>1,619</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>3,598</u>

as compared with :—

8th July, 1951	1,586	1,947	3,533
8th July, 1950	1,575	1,945	3,520
8th July, 1949	1,526	1,897	3,423
8th July, 1948	1,534	1,830	3,364

this year's number being 65 more than on the corresponding date last year and 234 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. On the 20th ultimo at 5.5 p.m. female patient C.L. (2013) was missed from the recreation grounds at Grangegorman. She is an elderly patient with defective memory who apparently wandered from the grounds and left by the front gate. She was brought back to the hospital by her relatives shortly after midnight and appeared none the worse for her absence. The Chief R.M.S. has enquired into the circumstances of this escape and he has assured me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection therewith.

4. P.C. (4335), a liberty patient in Portrane, was allowed to pay a visit to Dublin on the 14th ultimo in charge of a Male Nurse. During the afternoon he suddenly left the bus in which he was travelling and ran into a tenement building. The Male Nurse followed him but was unable to effect entry

and he called the Guards. When the Guards arrived the patient had left. The patient was apprehended by the Gardai on the 16th ultimo and brought to Grangegorman. The Acting Branch R.M.S. considers that the Male Nurse who had charge of the patient was not in any way negligent and that he acted promptly and correctly in his efforts to recapture the patient.

On the 16th ultimo male patient D.R. (33178) wandered off the recreation grounds of No. 8 division at Portlaoine. Although a close search was carried out during the day and throughout the night, the patient was not found until the following morning when he was discovered in a field at Donabate and brought back to the hospital. The patient has been in the institution since 1925 and is allowed a certain amount of latitude to walk about the exercise grounds. In the circumstances, the Acting Branch R.M.S. does not consider there was serious negligence shown by any member of the staff in regard to the supervision of the patient, but the male nurses concerned have been warned to exercise greater care in future.

These escapes have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

**5. Accidents to Patients—(Grangegorman).** On the 16th ultimo female patient A.C. (30264) severely injured her right index finger in a bread slicer and it was found necessary to amputate the finger. The patient's progress to date is satisfactory and the accident has been duly reported to the Minister for Health. The matter is being examined with a view to eliminating the danger of accidents of this sort in the future.

No serious accidents to patients in Portlaoine are reported during the past month.

6. *Accidents to Staff*—(Grangegorman). G.E.S., Senior Accounting Assistant, was knocked off his bicycle by a motor lorry when off duty and was incapacitated from the 12th June to the 2nd July.

G.H., Boilerman, was off duty from the 16th to the 29th June as a result of injuries to his back sustained when he fell coming down a ladder in the boilerhouse.

A number of minor accidents to members of the nursing staff occurred which did not necessitate their going off duty.

7. *Accidents to Staff*—(Portrane). On the 6th June, Nurse M.E.W., fell on the stairs of No. 1 division and received a slight strain to her right ankle. She was off duty for one day.

On the 14th June, Female Attendant M.P., accidentally splashed hot water on her foot when working in the general kitchen and she was off duty for one day.

J.G., boilerman, has been off duty since the 19th June suffering from a strained back.

A number of other minor injuries to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. Excursions for working patients at Grangegorman to Gormanstown have been arranged for this week and next. Working patients from Portrane had their annual outing to Roundwood and Glendalough at the beginning of the month, which was greatly appreciated by them.

9. I have arranged with the Wicklow County Council to hold a weekly clinic in the dispensary at Bray for the advice and treatment of early cases of mental disorder. The consent of the Minister for Health to the establishment of this clinic has been requested, as required by the Mental Treatment Act, 1945. I am arranging also with the Balrothery Board of Assistance for the use of a dispensary in North County Dublin with a view to establishing another clinic for that area.

10. Tenders were invited by public advertisement on the 14th May for the mechanical and electrical installations in the new male visiting hall at Grangegorm and the following were received :—

## MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

Tender No. 1	£3,150
" " 2	£3,584
" " 3	£3,800
" " 4	£3,845

## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION.

Tender No.	£	s.	d.	Credit for old materials
				£
1	848	11	7	30
" " 2	870	11	0	30
" " 3	859	9	2	Nil
" " 4	928	0	0	Nil
" " 5	998	10	10	10
" " 6	1,095	9	5	Nil

When the firm who submitted the lowest tender for the mechanical installation was asked to submit a Bill of Quantities they stated that, owing to an error in calculating the total cost, a sum of £109 odd had been omitted from their tender and they asked to be allowed to withdraw their tender. On the recommendation of the Architect and the Consulting Engineer, I have, therefore, decided to accept the second lowest tender, that of Messrs. Matthew Hall & Co., in the sum of £3,584, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health which has been requested.

Subject also to the sanction of the Minister, I have accepted the lowest tender for the electrical installation, that of Electrical Enterprises Ltd., in the sum of £848 11s. 7d. less £30 credit for old materials.

The building work on the male visiting hall is progressing satisfactorily. The tender of Smith & Pearson Ltd., amounting to £92, has been accepted for supplying eleven steel windows, being the lowest of three tenders received.

11. I have received from Mr. Sean Mulcahy, of Messrs. Varming & Mulcahy, Consulting Engineers, his report on a proposal to centralise the heating and hot water services on the male side at Grangegorman, which it is anticipated will effect a considerable saving in fuel and labour costs. The estimated total cost of the complete centralisation scheme (which would include provision for the requirements of the new admission hospital) is £19,000 to £21,000 but the work could be carried out in stages—the first stage is estimated to cost about £6,500. On present fuel prices the Consulting Engineer estimates that the complete scheme will save £900 per annum on fuel, £400 on labour and an appreciable amount in plant maintenance. I am submitting the scheme to the Department of Health for the Minister's approval in principle.

12. Tenders were invited recently from seven Irish firms and six British firms for the supply and erection of steel frame work and galvanized sheeting for roofing the emillage pit at Turvey Farm. Owing to shortage of materials only one Irish and three British firms could quote. The British firms advised that special licences were necessary and stipulated that prices would be as at date of delivery. The following are particulars of the tenders received:—

Tender No. 1	£700	Materials to be dispatched six weeks after granting of licences and subject to raw materials being available.
" 2	£382	Work to be completed in 24 weeks following granting of licences.
" 3	£901	
" 4	£1,120	Work to be completed in approximately five weeks.

Tenders 1 to 3 were submitted by British firms, and No. 4 by a Dublin firm, Messrs. Kennan & Sons.

The Chief Engineer reports that Messrs. Kennan & Sons specify materials of higher quality than those offered by the three British firms. For this reason and in view of the fact that they undertake a definite period for completion of the work, he recommends acceptance of their tender although it is the highest. There is a considerable loss of ensilage in the Turvey pit from the effects of rain, and it is estimated that the loss from this cause last winter amounted to about £190. It is important, therefore, that there should be a certainty of the work being completed this summer. I have approved of the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, subject to the consent of the Minister for Health which has been requested.

13. Five tenders were obtained for the supply of 72 dozen print dresses for women patients, and I have accepted the lowest, that of McBirney & Co., Ltd., at 141s. per dozen for sizes 42 and 44 inch, and 153s. per dozen for sizes 46 and 48 inch.

14. I have also accepted the tender of Mr. John Flynn, Castleroa, Co. Roscommon, for the supply of four tons of flake oatmeal at £59 14s. 11d. per ton delivered.

15. Six tenders were received for the supply of books, printing and stationery during the period ending 30th June, 1953, and I have accepted the lowest tender for each item. The names of the successful tenderers are :—

John Falconer.

William Warren & Sons, Ltd.

Rutland Bookbindery, Ltd.

Educational Company of Ireland, Ltd.

Athlone Printing Works, Co., Ltd.

Fodhla Printing Co., Ltd.

16. The Department of Local Government has advised me that the contribution to be made by the Board to the Dublin Corporation towards the expenses of management in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1952, is £1,606.

17. The Minister for Health has certified that the costs incurred in holding the Inquiry in February, 1950, into the circumstances of the death of E.H., a patient in Portrane, amounted to £31 10s. 5d., and I have authorised payment accordingly.

18. With further reference to Paragraph 13 of my report of the 15th February last, the Munster and Leinster Bank has disposed of £300 3 per cent. Corporation Stock held on behalf of patients in the Patients' Private Property Account. The stock realised £216 less commission and stamp duty, and the net proceeds have been lodged to the Patients' Private Property current account in the Bank.

19. With further reference to Paragraph 11 of my report to the last meeting of the Board, the Clerk of Works informs me that it was considered desirable to lay in the T.B. ward attached to No. 23 division at Grangegorman a similar floor

covering to that supplied some years ago for the new T.B. pavilions. Floor covering of the quality required is not manufactured in this country and for this reason prices for imported floor covering were obtained from three specialist firms. The lowest of the three quotations received was accepted.

20. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in May last :—

Twenty-seven Grangegorman candidates (5 male and 22 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 13 were successful (3 male and 10 female attendants). Eight female attendants sat for the Final Examination, of whom 6 were successful.

Twelve Portrane candidates (3 male and 9 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 6 were successful (1 male and 5 female attendants). Fifteen candidates (4 male and 11 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, all of whom were successful.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

17th July, 1952.

21. Since 16th ultimo, 47 male and 45 female patients were admitted, total 92. Eighty-six of these were chargeable patients, of whom 23 were Persons of Unsound Mind, 42 Temporary, 21 Voluntary. Also admitted were 2 under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, 1 by order of High Court, 1 Criminal Lunatic and 2 Voluntary Private Patients.



22. Further to my special Report of the 3rd June (which was considered at the last meeting of the Board), I have obtained the consent of the Minister for Health to the transfer to Mr. Joseph Keeling, as nominee of the Dublin County Council, of the field at Ballalease South comprising 10 acres, 1 rood and 4 perches or thereabout, in consideration of the payment to the Board of a sum of £1,100 by the Dublin County Council. The deed of transfer to Mr. Keeling is now ready for sealing.

23. A fee of £2 a year is paid to the British Friesian Cattle Society for the membership of Mr. James Hayes, Agricultural Manager. Hitherto membership was restricted to individuals but the Society has become incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee. Corporate bodies such as the Board, are now eligible for membership and cannot continue to be represented by individuals.

The Memorandum of Association of the new Society limits the liability of any member to 1s. and I have, therefore, applied on behalf of the Board for membership of the new Society. I have nominated Mr. James Hayes as the Board's representative in the Society.

24. Tenders were recently invited for one dough mixing machine and one divider required for the bakery at Grange-gorman, and the following were received:—

Tender No. 1	£1,050
" " 2 (a)	£1,223
" " 2 (b)	£1,870
" " 2 (c)	£2,649
" " 3	£1,741
" " 4	£1,736

Tender No. 5 (a)	£1,769
" " 5 (b)	£2,190
" " 6	£2,117
" " 7	£2,662

The Clerk of Works inspected in Carrick-on-Shannon and Galway, similar equipment to that offered by Tenderer No. 1—Mr. Gerard J. Houlihan, Salthill, Galway, and, on his recommendation, I have accepted Mr. Houlihan's tender which is the lowest.

25. By Order of the Government the maximum wholesale prices of creamery butter have been increased by 90s. 2d.—91s. per cwt. with effect from the 5th July, 1952. I have authorised an appropriate increase in the contract prices payable to the Board's contractors for butter, *viz.* Patrick Murphy and John Clarke & Sons Ltd., as provided in the terms of their contracts.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

*Order : Noted.*

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters from the Corporation of Dublin (dated 1st July), from the Dublin County Council (dated 9th July) and from the Wicklow County Council (dated 1st July) advising the names of the persons appointed to represent those bodies on the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board during the ensuing year, *viz.* :—

## DUBLIN CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES (27).

Alderman	Dr. Cormac Breathnach, T.D.
"	Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D.
"	Alfred P. Byrne, B.L., T.D.
Councillor	Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A.
"	Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
"	Senator Michael J. Colgan.
"	Bernard Conway.
"	Peadar Cowan, T.D.
"	Wm. P. Donohoe, P.C.
"	Gilbert Hughes.
"	Richard G. Keane.
"	Anthony Lalor.
"	Denis Larkin.
"	Timothy J. Murray, P.C.
"	Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.
"	Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.
"	Eugene Timmons, P.C.
"	William J. Colman, P.C., F.W.C.F.
	John Cahill, Esq.
	William Chase, Esq.
	Thomas O'Reilly, Esq.
	Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.
	Richard Lawless, Esq.
	John Smithers, Esq.
	John Jones, Esq.
	Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.
	Denis Finn, Esq., B.L.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (5).

- Councillor James Andrews.  
" Joseph Dignam, P.C.  
" Sean Dunne, T.D.  
" Sean Taggart.  
" Miss M. C. Ennis.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL  
REPRESENTATIVES (4).

- Councillor C. M. Byrne.  
" William Lawless  
" Patrick McCarthy.  
" P. P. O'Reilly.

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DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

*Report No. 154.**24th July, 1952.*

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 24th day of July, 1952, Councillor C. M. Byrne (Deputy Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, W. P. Donohue, Sean Dunne, T.D., Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

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## REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.

*24th July, 1952.*

**1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.**—Since my last report of 26th June, 1952, 35 tuberculin-tested milch cows have been purchased, costing £1,834 10s. 0d., an average of £52 8s. 3d. each.

With the purchase of the above cows, milk supplies have been well maintained to both hospitals, with the exception

of two short periods when it was found necessary to purchase around 27 gallons a day for Grangegorman.

The total daily production from 243 cows is 500 gallons or 2 gallons per cow.

**2. Mastitis.**—During the past month mastitis has been very prevalent amongst the Dairy Herd, principally amongst the milkers. A number of cases have occurred, at least ten, in the dry cows and two in the Heifers. Most have responded to treatment but in a few cases the dry cows did not clear up.

**3. Artificial Insemination.**—Artificial Insemination has been discontinued since 30th June, 1932, for a period of two months. Fourteen cows have calved to artificial insemination and all calves were normal and healthy.

**4. Grass.**—With the continued dry weather, grass has made very poor growth although it has been manured with nitrogen. This applies more particularly to the Portrane farm where grass is in rather short supply at the present time.

**5. Crops.**—The digging of the Potato crop began on 1st July. To date 4 statute acres of Epicures First Early have been dug, giving a yield of 43 tons, or an average of 10.75 tons per acre. These were grown in the swamp field and are the heaviest crop of First Earlys we have grown for a number of years. The first spraying of the potato crop is now completed as well as the weeding and moulding. On the whole, the crop looks very good but the continuance of the dry weather will have an adverse effect on the yield.

The grain crops, barley and wheat, also look very promising.

The thinning and hoeing of the fourteen acres of fodder beet is now completed. So far this crop is backward. A forecast of the crop is not possible. It is at present receiving a top dressing of nitro-chalk.

Haymaking is well advanced but not completed. Twenty-one acres of new grass, second cut, are still to be cut and saved. Approximately 180 acres have been cut and saved to date.

Silage making at Portrane and Turvey had to be discontinued owing to the grass getting too strong. The pits were closed and sealed with clay. They are not as full as last year but it may be possible to add some more after-grass for silage before the season ends.

**6. Santry.**—All surplus grass at Santry was cut for hay, approximately 60 acres. Most of the crop is rather light and some of it is now being drawn to Portrane. Grass is rather short on this farm and the hay is being drawn off to allow grazing of the aftergrass.

The present livestock at Santry is 43 dry cows, 28 two-year-old heifers and 64 calves.

JAMES HAYES,

*Agricultural Manager.*

*Order. Noted.*

#### REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

24th July, 1952.

#### PORTRANE.

**1. Vegetable Fields.**—All crops are making satisfactory growth. The weeding and thinning of onions, parsnips, swede turnips and carrot crops is completed.

Eight acres Savoy cabbage, 4 acres broccoli, 2 acres Autumn cabbage, 1 acre brussel sprouts and 1 acre of leeks have been planted during the past four weeks.

At the moment more ground is being prepared for late broccoli and Spring cabbage plants.

Matured Crops.—I have a plentiful supply of cabbage and I hope to be lifting early sown swede turnips in the first week of August and parsnips about two weeks later.

2. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*—All fruit and vegetables in this section are doing well. Besides the daily supply of seasoning vegetables, scallions and lettuce are supplied twice weekly and 2,000 lbs. of peas have been picket and supplied to kitchens and staff during the past month.

GRANGEGORMAN.

3. During the past month the work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of picking peas, preparing 2 acres ground for planting leeks, brussel sprouts and lettuce. One acre of carrots was sprayed with T.V.O.

Recreation grounds and walks are in good condition.

*Order. Noted.*

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*



REPORT OF MANAGER TO AGRICULTURAL  
COMMITTEE.

24th July, 1952.

SANTRY COURT.

1. In March last the Clonliffe Harriers wrote to ask if the Board would sell them a plot of ground at Santry Court for use as a sports field, to replace the training ground at Finglas which had been acquired by the Dublin Corporation for housing purposes. The application was referred to the Agricultural Committee and at a meeting of that Committee held on 27th March last, four members were appointed to inspect the Estate, in company with representatives of the Clonliffe Harriers, to see whether it would be possible to facilitate the Club.

Two inspections were carried out and reports were submitted to meetings of the Agricultural Committee on 24th April (Printed Report No. 148) and 22nd May (Printed Report No. 150). The second report recommended the sale to the Clonliffe Harriers of a plot of ground with a frontage of approximately 215 yards on the main Swords road and a depth of approximately 110 yards. It was recommended that this plot be sold at a price of £100 per acre, subject to the purchaser constructing a boundary wall to the satisfaction of the Board. The boundary lines of the plot and the corners were marked out by the Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, in the presence of the members who carried out the inspection.

At the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 22nd May, the following resolution, proposed by Mr. T,

O'Reilly, and seconded by Mr. J. Smithers, was adopted unanimously :—

"We recommend that the Board approve in principle of the disposal of this plot to the Clonliffe Harriers and that the Manager be asked to submit a recommendation as to the terms on which it should be sold or let."

The Report of the Agricultural Committee containing this recommendation (Printed Report No. 150—22nd May, 1952) was adopted by the Board on 19th June, 1952.

The plot which it is proposed to sell has been inspected and valued by Mr. J. J. McAuley, F.S.I., whose report is submitted. Mr. McAuley computes that the area of the plot is 4 acres, 3 roods and 10 perches. He points out that it is encumbered with undergrowth, shrubs and a number of matured scattered trees of little commercial value which the Club will have to clear if the plot is to be used as a sports ground. In his opinion, a fair price for the plot would be £300.

I recommend that the plot of ground be sold to the Clonliffe Harriers for the sum of £300, subject to the following conditions :—

(i) Within three months of completion of the sale the Clonliffe Harriers shall fence off the plot from the remainder of the Estate with a wire-strand fence, to the satisfaction of the Board.

(ii) Within three years of completion of the sale, the Clonliffe Harriers shall erect a substantial permanent fence or wall, not less than 6 ft. high, to the satisfaction

of the Board. The specification of the fence or wall shall be submitted to and approved by the Board.

The Clonliffe Harriers have informed me that they are prepared to purchase the plot on these terms and conditions.

Santry Demesne, comprising 220 acres and 1 perch was purchased by the former Joint Committee in 1941 for £19,500. It was subject to an annual tithe rent of £7 14s. 6d. A sum of £25,743 4s. 3d. nett was recovered as insurance on part of the mansion destroyed by fire immediately following the purchase of the estate.

The estate was acquired on 31st August, 1945, by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and re-assigned by him to the Board on 1st October, 1947, in consideration of a payment of £185 5s. 0d. expended by the Minister in redemption of the annual tithe rent charge of £7 14s. 6d.

2. I am submitting a letter dated 11th July from Messrs, Patrick A. Mooney & Co., Solicitors, Kenlis Place, Kells written on behalf of a client who wishes to purchase the main gates at Santry Court, if they are for sale.

3. I have received also from the Bursar of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, an enquiry about two pairs of iron gates and six or seven iron lamp standards which are located opposite the former mansion on Santry Demesne. He would like to purchase them if the Board is willing to sell.

4. Messrs. Craigie Bros. of 37 Prussia Street have informed me that they have been instructed by Mrs. Brien of Lantown, Donabate, to offer for sale portion of her land con-

taining 42 acres 2 roods and 12 perches statute measure. The price expected is £3,750 plus fees of 5 per cent., and Craigie Bros. estimate that the proportionate annuity and Poor Law Valuation on the land would be approximately £14 10s. 0d. and £34, respectively.

JOHN P. KEANE,

24th July, 1952.

*Manager.*

*Orders made thereon :—*

*Par. 1.* Proposed by Councillor James Andrews, seconded by Councillor Sean Dunne : " We recommend that the plot of ground at Santry Court, comprising 4 acres, 3 roods and 10 perches or thereabouts, be sold to the Clonliffe Harriers for £300 subject to the conditions proposed by the Manager." Passed unanimously.

*Par. 2.* The Committee does not consider it advisable to sell the entrance gates to Santry Court.

*Par. 3.* Proposed by Councillor W. Lawless, seconded by Councillor W. P. Donohoe : " We recommend that the gates and lamp standards referred to be sold to Maynooth College at a price to be fixed by the Manager." Passed unanimously.

*Par. 4.* Proposed by Councillor C. M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Sean Dunne : " We recommend that the Manager be authorised to open negotiations with Craigie Bros. in regard to this land and that a valuer be employed if necessary." Passed unanimously.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS.

3rd July, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Mr. Hayes, I visited the farmyard and the men there were doing a section of concrete outside the cowshed. All the cows were out on grass. The pigs looked in good condition and there were several litters of bonhams.

2. We also visited Turvey Farm. Everything looked nice and tidy. We also visited Santry Court. The men there were busy making hay which was of good quality.

I wish to thank Mr. Hayes for his courtesy.

*Order. Noted.*

JAMES ANDREWS.

## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 28th August, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee :—

Councillor C. M. Byrne.  
" W. P. Donohoe.  
" Sean Dunne.  
" Gilbert Hughes.

C. M. BYRNE,

*Chairman.*

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

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*Report No. 155.**21st August, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**BOARD MEETING.**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 21st day of August, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Alderman Bernard Butler, Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, Gilbert Hughes, Richard C. Keane, Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy, Eugene Timmons, William J. Colman, Messrs. John Cahill, William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, Richard Lawless, John Smithers, John Jones, Denis Finn, Mrs. Essie O'Byrne and Mrs. Cecelia Keeble.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, Sean Taggart, Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy, P. P. O'Reilly.

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The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 153 of 17th July, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

## CONDOLENCE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) proposed and Councillor Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy seconded: "That we learn with the greatest regret of the death of Alderman Alfred P. Byrne, for many years past a member of this Board, and we tender to his family our deepest sympathy in the loss which they have sustained."

The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) proposed and Councillor Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy seconded: "That we learn with deep regret of the loss which Councillor Sean Taggart has sustained in the death of his mother, and we tender to him and his family our deepest sympathy."

The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

## NURSING STAFFS.

The Board received a deputation from the Male and Female Nursing Staffs, who submitted a statement in connection with their claims for increased pay, restoration of pre-war rations and other matters relating to their remuneration and conditions of employment.

Having considered the statement, the Board requested the Manager to meet the staff representatives again at an early date to discuss the outstanding matters.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 10th July to 20th August, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—



	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 16th July, 1952	1641	2003	3644
Admitted to 20th August, 1952	51	50	101
Total	1692	2053	3745
Discharged to			
20th Aug., 1952	24	41	65
Died to do.	7	8	15
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
Remaining on Hospital Register on 20th August, 1952	1661	2004	3665
Absent on trial and escape on 20th August, 1952	12	11	23
Number actually resident on 20th August, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1649	1993	3642

## DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	803	1265	2068
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	846	728	1574
Total number resident as above	1649	1993	3642

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	2702
County of Dublin	528
County Wicklow	342
Criminal Lunatics	53
Non-district patients	17
Total	3642

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Report No. 154 of the Meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 24th July, 1952, included a recommendation for the sale to the Clonliffe Harriers of a plot of ground at Santry Court for £300, subject to certain conditions. The formal notice of the proposed sale, required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, was sent to each member of the Board on 31st July, 1952.

Councillor P. Cowan proposed and Mr. J. Jones seconded: "That the disposal of the plot of ground at Santry Court be not carried out."

The resolution was put to the meeting and was declared lost. Four members voted for the resolution and 14 against, *viz.*—

FOR THE RESOLUTION.—Councillor Peadar Cowan, Mr. William Chase, Mrs. Essie O'Byrne, Mr. John Jones.

AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.—Councillors B. Conway, Hughes, Keane, Larkin, Colman, Messrs. Cahill, T. O'Reilly, Richard Lawless, Smithers, Councillors Andrews, Dunne, Miss Eanis, William Lawless, P. P. O'Reilly.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded: "That the plot of ground at Santry Court referred to in Par. 1 of the Manager's report, dated 24th July, 1952, to the Agricultural Committee be sold to the Clonliffe Harriers on the terms and conditions recommended by the Manager and the Committee, subject to the consent of the Minister for Health."

The resolution was put to the meeting and was declared carried by 14 votes for, to 4 votes against. The 14 members

who voted for the resolution were those who voted against the preceding resolution, and the 4 members who voted against the resolution were those who voted for the preceding resolution.

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Councillor W. Lawless seconded the adoption of Report No. 154 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 24th July, 1952. *Passed unanimously.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION—GRANGEGOBMAN.

*1st July, 1952.*

1. With Mr. J. O'Donnell, Works Foreman, we inspected the Gardener's House, Grangegorman, on 1st July. It is in a very bad state of repair but appears to be structurally sound. Some of the rooms are in use for storing sporting equipment. We regret that we are unable to make a recommendation as to what purpose the house can be used. In our opinion it would be very costly to modernise. We suggest that the Board's Architectural advisors be consulted about it.

2. Under a dilapidated shelter which adjoins the house we saw two ground rollers lying in a very rusty condition, and we suggest that if they are not made serviceable some arrangement could be made for their disposal.

RICHARD LAWLESS.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

*Order. Noted. See Par. 21 of the Manager's report of this date.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION—GRANGEGORMAN.

24th July, 1952.

1. We visited Grangegorman on Thursday, 24th July. Accompanied by Miss McCormack, Head Night Nurse, we inspected Divisions Nos. 24, 25, 26 and 27 of the Female House.

With the exception of a small number who were engaged in assisting the kitchen staffs in the preparation of dinner, the majority of the patients attached to this particular part of the Institution were out of doors enjoying the summer-like weather which marked that week.

The day rooms and other apartments through which we passed were clean and tidy and presented a fresh appearance.

2. In one of the smaller dining rooms where dinner was about to be served we noticed a little boy. He appeared to be well cared for and is a favourite with the other patients. We were given to understand that he is responding to treatment, but we think if it were possible steps should be taken to transfer cases of this kind to some outside institution specialising in the treatment of children. We believe that there is also a little girl patient in the general hospital. We consider it undesirable that children should be associated with adult patients and would urge that special provision be made for them.

3. Visiting the Occupational Therapy rooms, we were shown some magnificent samples of rugs, etc., made by the patients and which reflect great credit on Miss Fox, her assistant instructors and on the patients themselves. In spite

of the obvious difficulties associated with this type of work, we understand that the output is considerable, and in our opinion the high standard of work done deserves to be made more widely known to the public.

4. We were present in the main dining hall when dinner was being served to some hundreds of patients. We were impressed by the efficiency with which this was done by the members of the staff assisted by some patients.

5. Our inspection concluded before lunch when we visited the Nurses' Home.

We wish to thank Miss McCormack and the other members of the staff whom we met in the course of our visit for their courtesy and kindness.

MARY C. ENNIS.  
RICHARD LAWLESS.  
EUGENE TIMMONS.

*Order. Noted.* See Par. 21 of the Manager's report of this month.

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 18th September, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).  
" James Andrews.  
" William J. Colman.  
" Gilbert Hughes.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. William Lawless.

.. Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

Mr. William Chase.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

15th August, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 12th instant was:—

		Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	...	792	1255	2047
In Portrane	...	846	728	1574
		1638	1983	3621

as compared with:—

12th August, 1951	...	1605	1960	3565
12th August, 1950	...	1584	1945	3529
12th August, 1949	...	1542	1807	3439
12th August, 1948	...	1581	1806	3387

this year's number being 56 more than on the corresponding date last year and 254 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Acting Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of symptomatic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Male patient M. E. (39982), aged 53 years, was found dead in bed in a single room at Grangegorman at 6.20 a.m.

on the 18th July. The Coroner was notified and ordered a post mortem examination. The examination showed that the patient died from cardiac failure.

**4. Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).—**Following an application of E.C.T. on the 3rd July, male patient T. K. (4834) complained of pain between the shoulders. An X-ray examination showed slight compression fractures of the 7th and 8th dorsal vertebrae. The patient was seen by a Visiting Surgeon, who advised rest. He is progressing satisfactorily.

Male patient T. K. (40854), when sitting in the dayroom of No. 6 Division on the 23rd July, was suddenly struck on the jaw by another patient who was passing out to the recreation ground at the time. The patient T. K. complained of pain and tenderness in the jaw, and an X-ray examination showed a fracture at the angle of the lower jaw on the left side. The patient was treated by a Visiting Surgeon and is progressing satisfactorily.

The Acting Chief B.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with the accidents, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the past month.

**5. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).—**Male Nurse W. B. sustained injuries to his face in a cycling accident while off duty. He was incapacitated from the 19th to the 24th July.

Male Nurse T. H. sustained injuries to his head and right shoulder in a motor accident while off duty. He was incapacitated from the 20th July to the 5th August.

6. *Accidents to Staff (Portrane).*—Temporary Attendant B. B. was kicked by a violent patient, who pulled her hair. She was off duty on the 3rd and 4th July. This same attendant injured her thumb in a door on the 28th July and was off duty for one day.

Other minor accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

Temporary Farm Labourer B. C. fell off a trailer which was being turned in Portrane Farmyard on the 8th instant and sustained injuries to his head and face. He received treatment in Portrane and was then removed by ambulance to a general hospital.

7. The Chief R.M.S. is on annual leave for one month from the 12th August, during which period Dr. Eveleen O'Brien, Senior A.M.O., is acting as Chief R.M.S.

8. In accordance with Article 9 (1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, I am submitting the Abstract of the Board's Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1952, which will be transmitted to the Department of Local Government for certification by the Auditor. The Accountant has prepared tables showing the Revenue and Expenditure for that year, the Grangegorman and Portrane Farm and Garden Accounts and the Canteen Profit and Loss Account. I will have copies of these tables printed as soon as the printers' strike is settled and circulated to each member of the Board.

9. The Abstract of Accounts shows that the daily average cost of maintenance of patients in Grangegorman and Portrane during the year ended 31st March, 1952, was 9s. 7.09d. This represents an increase of 1/- per day over the average



for the year ended 31st March, 1951. As a result of this increase the charges for private patients have been revised to 10/- per day for district cases and 18/- per day for non-district cases, with effect as and from the 1st September, 1952.

10. A claim amounting to £5,070 14s. 3d. has been made on the Department of Justice for the maintenance of Criminal Lunatics during the year ended 31st March, 1952.

11. The Board's Solicitors have advised me that the sale of the lands at Ballalease South has been completed and they have forwarded a Paying Order from the Dublin County Council for the purchase price, *viz.*, £1,100. This sum will be held in suspense in Capital Account for the time being.

Section 62 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, provides that the proceeds of the sale of land shall, so far as the proceeds are capital money, be applied, with the consent of the Minister, to capital purposes.

12. The Munster and Leinster Bank has allowed interest amounting to £342 5s. 0d. on the balances standing to the credit of the Board's current accounts during the six months ended 30th June, 1952.

13. The sanction of the Minister has been obtained to the preliminary reports and drawings for the heating and electrical installations in the new Visiting Hall for female patients at Grangegorman, subject to certain minor alterations. I am asking the Minister whether the Architect may now proceed with the working drawings for the building.

14. The Minister's sanction has also been obtained to acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Kenan & Sons, Dublin,

for the covering of the ensilage pit at Turvey Farm at a cost of £1,120. The contractor is to start work next week.

15. I have accepted the tender of M. J. Murphy & Sons, Ltd., at 40/4d. per 120 for the supply of selected hen eggs to Portrane during the period from the 1st August to the 30th September, 1952, being the lower of two tenders received in response to public advertisement.

16. I have accepted also the following tenders for equipment required at Portrane:—

Messrs. Joyce & Brady for one 30-cwt. jib crane at £61 17s. 6d.

Messrs. Bestal Ltd., for four steel lockers for patients' effects at £28 each.

Mr. John Dooley for one sample fuel bin at £3 5s. 0d.

Mr. John Dooley for one sample fuel measure at £2 7s. 6d.

17. Messrs. Caltex (Ireland) Ltd. have advised me that, as and from the 30th July, 1952, their price for heavy fuel oil has been reduced by  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per gallon.

18. Circus performances were given by Edward Fossett and Sons in Portrane on the 19th July and in Grangegorman on the 21st July which were greatly enjoyed by the patients. The cost of the performances—£55 for Grangegorman and £50 for Portrane—was defrayed from Canteen Account.

P. J. HERNON,

Dublin City and County Manager.

Order. Noted.

**MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE  
BOARD.***21st August, 1952.*

20. Since 14th ultimo 49 male and 50 female patients were admitted, total 99. Ninety of these were Chargeable patients, of whom 58 were Temporary, 20 were Voluntary and 12 were Persons of Unsound Mind. One patient was admitted for special treatment under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, and two by Order of the Minister for Justice. Six Private patients were admitted of whom two were Persons of Unsound Mind, three were Temporary patients and one was a Voluntary patient.

21. With reference to the Inspections carried out by the Visiting Members at Grangeorman on 1st and 24th July, I have to report:—

*Inspection, 1st July:*

(1) In September, 1950, it was decided to convert the Gardener's House into a residence for an Assistant Medical Officer at an estimated cost of £900. In May, 1951, I was advised by the Department of Health that the Minister was not prepared to approve of this proposal, and the Departmental Officers suggested that the Board should examine the possibility of building a new house for an Assistant Medical Officer. This suggestion was considered at a meeting of the Board's Building Committee on 22nd November, who recommended that two semi-detached houses should be built for Assistant Medical Officers on the North Circular Road or some

other suitable site at Grangegorman. The Board's Architect was instructed to report on this recommendation.

I will examine again the question of the future of the old Gardener's House.

(2) As these rollers are no longer required, they will be disposed of.

*Inspection, 24th July:*

(2) This problem of juvenile patients has been the subject of correspondence with the Department of Health for some years past, but no satisfactory solution has been found. Because of the difficulty of finding accommodation for them in special institutions, the Building Committee on 24th January last approved of a proposal to convert the old laundry building attached to No. 10 Division at Portrane into a department capable of accommodating 30/40 children. This proposal was submitted to the Department of Health for approval on 28th January last and the Minister's decision is awaited.

22. On the morning of Monday, 18th August, it was found that the Male Occupational Therapy Department had been broken into during the weekend. A drawer of the table where Occupational Therapy cash receipts are kept had been forced open and a sum of £4 13s. 6d. removed.

23. In Paragraphs 13 and 18, respectively, of my reports of 15th February and 11th July last, I reported the sale of £300 3% Dublin Corporation Stock held on behalf of patients in the Patients' Private Property Account. The net loss on the sale was £58 6s. 6d. Dividends amounting to

over £200 earned by the Stock purchased out of this Account have been taken to the credit of the Board's General Account. Consequently, I have considered it reasonable that the loss on the Stock sold should be made good to the Patients' Private Property Account by the General Account.

24. Dr. Dolphin, Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals, on 20th instant held an Inquiry on Oath into all the circumstances connected with the discovery on 2nd February, 1952, of a quantity of beef in the engine room at Portrane and other items arising therefrom. The Chairman, the Chief Clerk, the Board's Law Adviser and the undersigned attended the Inquiry, the result of which will be communicated by the Department of Health in due course.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

*Order. Noted.*

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E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

E. O'BRIEN,

*Acting Chief R.M.S.*

Report No. 122

Longwood Medical Hospital  
Board

Falconer, Dublin

*Report No. 156.*

28th August, 1952.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 28th day of August, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, Sean Dunne, T.D.; Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes and William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

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**REPORT OF ACTING AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.**

28th August, 1952.

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since last report of 24th July, 1952, twelve milch cows have been purchased for £689 0s. 0d.—an average of £57 8s. 4d.

With the purchase of the above cows, milk supplies were fully maintained to both hospitals up to 15th August, 1952. Since then there has been a slight shortage, which was met by the purchase of milk for Grangegorman. At present present Grangegorman is receiving 250 gallons daily (28 gallons short of full requirements) and Portrane is getting 231 gallons daily.

At present there are 230 cows producing 500 gallons milk daily, which is slightly over two gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—A few cases of mastitis occurred during the past month and all responded to treatment.

3. *Artificial Insemination*.—To date 41 cows and two heifers have produced calves from this method. All the calves which have been retained in the herd are doing well.

4. *Grass*.—The growth of grass is still very backward and was not sufficient to maintain all the stock—the milch cows on Portrane Farm had to get a small daily ration of hay.

5. *Crops*.—The hay from the Portrane and Ballymastone Farms has been stored and at present the hay from Turvey Farm is being drawn and stored in Portrane, where the biggest proportion is required.

Twenty-seven acres of barley and 54 acres of wheat have been harvested.

A third spray is being applied to the potato crop. The fodder beet crop has progressed favourably since the recent rain.

6. *Santry*.—About half of the hay in Santry has been drawn to Portrane and the remainder will be stored in Santry for winter fodder. The present livestock here is: 23 dry cows, 11 two-year-old heifers and 63 calves.

PATRICK SHERIDAN.

*Acting Agricultural Manager.*

*Order. Noted.*



REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.  
PORTRANE.

29th August, 1952.

1. I have now completed the planting of brassicas for late Autumn, Winter and early Spring use.

The following are the varieties:—

- 9 acres Savoy,
- 8 acres broccoli,
- 2 acres late York,
- 1½ acres Brussel sprouts,
- 1½ acres leeks, and
- 1 acre onions sown.

The young crops are doing well and will give sufficient supply of vegetables to meet the requirements of the two hospitals for the next eight months.

At the moment I am weeding, grubbing and earthing the most advanced of these crops.

2. The Spring onion crop is very good and should be fit for harvesting in the next two weeks. All root crops are doing well. At the moment we are using the early sown parsnips and swede turnips.

GRANGEGORMAN.

3. All crops are doing well and we have just completed the planting of leeks, cabbage and Brussel sprouts. All flower beds and recreation grounds are in good condition.

SANTRY GARDENS.

4. Work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of weeding, scuffling, care of tomato houses, thinning beet and picking fruit.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Order Noted.*

*Head Gardener.*

### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 25th September, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin.

“ James Andrews.

“ Miss M. C. Ennis.

Mr. John Smithers.

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### ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION SCHEME.

A discussion took place about the Artificial Insemination scheme and the following resolution was proposed by Mr. T. P. O'Reilly and seconded by Mr. John Smithers:—  
“ Having considered the matter carefully, this Committee is of opinion that the allowance of 35/- a week to the Farmyard Foreman proposed by the Manager for the extra duties involved in the Artificial Insemination scheme is fair and reasonable and would ask the Minister for Health to reconsider his previous decision in the matter.” Passed unanimously.

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E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 157.*

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital**

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**ACCOUNTS FOR 1951-52**

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**K. KEANE,**  
*Accountant.*

TABLE I.—RECEIPTS

Actual Receipts 1948-49	Actual Receipts 1949-50	Actual Receipts 1950-51		Estimated Receipts 1951-52	Actual Receipts 1951-52	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
24,171	23,672	27,293	RECEIPTS FOR PAYING PATIENTS :				
5,277	6,419	7,034	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	23,000	29,992	4,992	—
2,657	2,663	2,560	(b) County Dublin Account ...	5,500	7,523	2,023	—
			(c) Co. Wicklow Account ...	2,300	2,702	402	—
31,505	34,745	36,887	TOTAL FOR PATIENTS FROM CONTRIBUT- ING AREA ...	30,800	40,217	7,417	—
3,861	3,616	3,404	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients ...	3,300	3,619	319	—
4,687	4,985	3,872	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	2,700	4,333	633	—
2,788	3,307	2,561	(f) Non-District Patients ...	2,500	2,823	323	—
42,581	46,633	46,734	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS ...	42,300	50,992	8,692	—
7,486	9,313	12,553	Farm Account Sales ...	8,000	7,389	—	611
133	299	192	Sale of Offal and Old Stores ...	150	296	146	—
264	506	774	Interest allowed by Treasurer ...	—	531	531	—
6	100	509	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	—	216	216	—
7,797	7,942	8,334	Superannuation Contributions ...	8,300	9,627	1,327	—
6,129	5,083	5,034	Deductions from Salaries and Wages ...	5,100	5,400	300	—
264,306	269,896	274,120	TOTAL ...	263,850	274,451	10,601	—

TABLE II.—EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure 1945-49	Expendi- ture 1949-50	Expenditure 1950-51		Estimated Expendi- ture 1951-52	Actual Expendi- ture 1951-52	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
37,376	34,758	106,404	Food, Drink and Tobacco ...	110,000	109,761	—	239
63,328	38,744	61,590	Farm Expenses ...	38,000	67,813	9,813	—
2,908	2,300	2,651	Materials for Washing or Cleansing ...	2,000	2,244	244	—
4,589	5,191	9,293	Medicines ...	12,000	8,739	—	3,261
53,663	49,378	65,745	Heating, Lighting and Water Supply ...	57,000	79,388	22,388	—
22,847	33,017	33,405	Clothing and Bedding ...	45,150	48,519	3,369	—
8,365	8,028	16,882	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ...	8,000	6,776	—	1,224
2,917	2,383	3,894	Medical and Surgical Appliances ...	8,100	7,851	—	249
191,054	192,934	209,385	Salaries and Wages ...	230,000	231,899	1,899	—
27,048	29,380	37,439	Superannuations, etc. ...	38,000	34,102	—	3,898
17,222	13,265	15,399	Structural alterations, Repairs, etc. ...	28,987	20,382	—	8,605
2,528	2,081	2,424	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ...	2,800	3,139	639	—
1,870	2,978	4,496	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurances ...	4,500	2,993	—	507
348	461	413	Re-afforestation of Portlands ...	400	537	137	—
7,224	6,820	7,031	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	6,200	7,919	1,719	—
16,062	13,169	12,971	Loan Charges ...	14,320	13,932	—	388
		226	Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals	100	120	20	—
£528,751	£515,327	£584,779		£623,917	£647,114	£23,197	—

Additional Expenditure amounting to £45,980 was specially authorised by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 25 of the County Management Act, 1945, during the year 1951-52.

**GRANGEGERMAN FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1932.**

1931	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1932	Cr.	£	s.	d.				
April 1	To Value of Stock on hand :-				Mar. 31	By Cash Sales							
	Live Stock	1,688	0	0		.. Value of Produce supplied :-							
	Produce	60	0	0		Potatoes							
	Implements	60	0	0		Other Root Crops	352	12	0				
				1,806	0	0	Other Vegetables	564	8	11			
1932						Fruit	29	13	8				
Mar. 31	.. Cash Expenditure during Year :-					Bacon	8,523	4	8				
	Paid Labour	858	7	7		Flowers and Plants	50	0	0				
	Manure	13	18	0					9,438	19	3		
	Implements	110	16	9		.. Pigs transferred to Portrane							
	Seeds and Plants	145	15	0		.. Keep of Horses not employed on Farm work				320	0	0	
	Pigs	968	3	0		.. Value of Stock on hand :-							
	Other Live Stock	123	0	0		Live Stock	2,129	0	0				
	Fodder & Feeding Stuff	1,444	19	7		Produce	60	0	0				
	Miscellaneous	37	2	1		Implements	60	0	0		2,349		
	Maintenance	125	11	10									
	Fuel, Light and Water	315	0	0									
				4,167	15	10							
	.. Pigs received from Portrane			2,861	10	0							
	.. Other Charges :-												
	Estimated Rental	150	0	0									
	Value of Offal	150	0	0									
				320	0	0							
	.. Profit for Year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour			3,073	13	3							
				£									
				12,228	19	3				£	12,228	19	3

PORTRANE FARM ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1932.

1931	In.	£	s.	d.	1932	Out.	£	s.	d.
April 1	To Value of Stock on hand:				Mar. 31	By Cash Sales:—			
	Live Stock ...	21,767	0	0		Hides, Skins & Wools ...	1,572	6	5
	Farm Produce ...	5,499	7	4		Calves sold ...	246	10	0
	Implements ...	6,698	8	0		Pigs sold ...	1,580	8	0
				33,965 15 4		Manure ...	9	0	0
						Wheat ...	3,338	4	6
1932						Miscellaneous ...	632	11	7
Mar. 31	By Cash Expenditure for Year:—								5,379 0 0
	Paul Labour ...	18,965	11	1		.. Pigs to Grangegorman			2,981 10 0
	Manure ...	4,111	11	9		.. Produce Supplied:—			
	Implements ...	3,721	7	11		.. Potatoes ...	8,198	8	10
	Seeds and Plants ...	1,969	5	10		.. Milk ...	21,937	13	8
	Livestock ...	10,037	13	7		.. Pork ...	1,971	0	0
	Fodder & Feeding Stuff ...	7,588	8	10		.. Butcher's Meat ...	16,186	1	8
	Freight ...	165	9	9					47,313 10 3
	Vet. attendance ...	760	12	8		.. Value of Horse Hire and Labour supplied for Institution purposes solely ...			390 0 0
	Petrol, Oil, Electricity from E.S.B., etc. ...	1,735	19	5		.. Value of Stock on hand:—			
	Maintenance & repairs ...	3,633	14	6		.. Live Stock ...	22,563	0	0
	Fuel, Light & Water supplied ...	620	14	3		.. Farm Produce ...	7,172	17	8
	Market Expenses ...	21	12	0		.. Implements ...	6,926	9	0
	Rates ...	315	7	1					36,692 6 8
	.. Other Charges:—			39,147 15 8					
	.. Estimated Rental ...	1,720	0	0					
	.. Offal Supplied ...	150	0	0					
				1,870 0 0					
	.. Pigs from Grangegorman								
	.. Profit for Year, excluding any charge for patient labour ...					Loss for year ...			167 3 7
				£94,883 11 0					£94,883 11 0

**PORTRANE GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1952.**

1951	Dr.	£	s.	d.	1952	Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 1	To Value of Stock on Hands :-				Mar. 31	By Produce Supplied :-			
	Produce and Crops ...	1,558	7	0		Root Crops ...	1,343	18	4
	Implements ...	1,329	6	4		Other Vegetables ...	6,400	8	10
				2,887		Fruit ...	581	10	7
						Flowers ...	50	0	0
1952									8,376
Mar. 31	Cash Expenditure during Year :-								3 9
	Paid Labour ...	2,596	18	4					
	Manures ...	465	7	6		" Cash Sales ...			9 15 0
	Implements ...	165	19	7					
	Seeds and Plants ...	202	4	3		" Value of Stock on Hands :			
	Maintenance ...	148	5	10		Produce and Crops ...	1,849	15	6
	Fuel, Light and Water ...	168	5	3		Implements ...	1,170	17	11
	Miscellaneous ...	782	5	5					3,020
				4,497					13 5 0
"	Estimated Rental ...			585					
"	Profit for Year, excluding any charge for Patent Labour ...			2,436					
				£11,606					£11,606
				12 2					12 2



TABLE showing Daily Average Number of Patients Resident and Average Daily Cost for each patient.

Year Ended	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT		
		Grangegorman	Portrane	Total
31st March, 1946 ...	3,331	s. d. 6 4.69	s. d. 6 9.93	s. d. 6 6.93
31st March, 1947 ...	3,353	6 9.64	6 10.50	6 10.02
31st March, 1948 ...	3,302	8 7.27	7 10.01	8 3.20
31st March, 1949 ...	3,365	8 8.87	8 7.48	8 8.15
31st March, 1950 ...	3,441	8 3.40	7 7.39	7 11.02
31st March, 1951	3,524	8 10.98	8 1.71	8 6.94
31st March, 1952 ...	3,533	8 10.73	9 2.53	9 7.00

These costs are calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

# SUMMARY OF GRANGEFORMAN AND PORTRANE CANTEN ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1951-52.

Dr.		PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1951-52.		Cr.			
To	Value of Stock at commencement of Year ...	£	s. d.	By	Cash Sales ...	£	s. d.
"	Purchases ...	295	3 8	"	Tobacco licences ...	14,579	4 5
"	Wages, Canteen Attendants ...	12,516	1 4	"	Sundry Receipts ...	41	4 10
"	Other Working Expenses ...	130	19 4	"	Interest on Deposit Accounts ...	4	1 9
"	Bonus to Canteen Manager ...	114	9 11	"	Value of Stock on hands ...	23	0 0
"	Audit Fee ...	129	10 2			307	9 8
"	Audit Fee ...	14	14 0				
"	Balance (Profit on Trading) to Balance Sheet ...	1,753	2 3				
		£14,957	0 8			£14,957	0 8

Dr.		BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1952.		Cr.			
To Sundry Appropriations, viz.	£	s.	d.	By Balance from 1950-51 Account	£	s.	d.
Gratuities to Patients	708	15	8	" Balance from Profit and Loss Account brought down	2,307	1	3
Grants for Patients, Prizes for Tournaments, Sports and Travelling Expenses for Sports Parties	83	15	11		1,753	2	3
Extras for Patients, Concert Parties, etc.	744	11	11				
Wireless receivers repaired, Cinema repairs	319	7	0				
	1,806	10	6				
Balance to next account	2,303	13	0				
	44,000	2	6				
					44,000	2	6

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

## *Report No. 158.*

18th September, 1952.

### **Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.**

#### **BOARD MEETING.**

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of September, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Alderman Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D.; Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C.; Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, T.D.; Richard C. Keane, T. J. Murray, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Eugene Timmons, P.C.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; William Chase, Denis Fium, B.L.; John J. Jones, T. P. O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble and Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

*Dublin County Council Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D.; Miss M. C. Ennis and Sean Taggart.

*Wicklow County Council Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and P. P. O'Reilly.

The Minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 155, 21st August, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

## CONDOLENCE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) proposed and Councillor Mrs. Nix seconded: "That we learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. C. J. McCarthy, R.M.S., Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, who was for a number of years on the staff of this hospital, and we tender to his widow and family our deepest sympathy in the loss they have sustained."

The resolution was passed in silence, all members standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 20th August to 17th September, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 20th August, 1952	1661	2004	3665
Admitted to 17th September, 1952	35	54	89
	1696	2058	3754
	Males	Females	Total
Discharged to			
17th Sept., 1952	19	34	53
Died to do.	7	8	15
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	26	42	68
Remaining on Hospital Register on 17th September, 1952	1670	2016	3686
Absent on trial and escape on 17th September, 1952	18	17	35
Number actually resident on 17th September, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1652	1999	3651

## DISTRIBUTION.

	Males	Females	Total
Number of Patients in Grange-gor-man Mental Hospital ...	807	1266	2073
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ...	843	733	1578
Total number resident as above ...	1652	1999	3651

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin ...	2714
County of Dublin ...	592
County Wicklow ...	335
Criminal Lunatics ...	53
Non-district patients ...	17
TOTAL ...	3651

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor Mrs. Nix proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 156 of meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on 28th August, 1952. *Passed unanimously.*

## INSPECTION REPORT, GRANGEGORMAN.

1st September, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Miss Murphy, Deputy Matron, we visited the female divisions. In the Therapy Department all the patients seemed contented and their work well up to standard.

2. In the course of our rounds we visited No. 11 Dormitory. The corridor leading to same, including the single rooms, requires attention. Nos. 15, 17 and 19 Dayrooms require to be cleaned and painted.

3. We arrived at the main Dining Hall whilst approximately 250 patients were being served at dinner. The food was good, well cooked and plentiful. Service was all that could be desired. Several of the patients availed of our presence and put forward the usual plea to be released.

4. At No. 25 Division dinner was being served. Again, the food was good, well served and plentiful, no complaints.

5. No. 22 Hospital Division was clean, tidy and bright. Again, the corridor leading in requires attention.

6. In the afternoon we were accompanied by Dr. Heffernan and the Deputy Head Male Nurse. Whilst passing we had a look around the new Visiting Hall, which is in course of construction. The progress is good and up to schedule.

7. We in general inspected No. 9 Division and No. 5 Infirmary, also T.B. Section. There were no complaints. In conclusion, we visited the Therapy Department. The work was good and up to standard.

8. We interviewed our Clerk of Works and he informed us that much of the work has not been included in this year's estimate, but he will attend to all these of an important nature.

(Signed): JAMES ANDREWS,  
WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

*Order Noted.*

## APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 16th October, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

## GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. Miss M. C. Ennis.

.. William Lawless.

Mrs. C. Keeble.

## PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. Mrs. C. Byrne.

Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

Mr. T. P. O'Reilly.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

11th September, 1952.

I. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 9th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman	802	1271	2073
In Portrane	845	782	1527
TOTALS	1647	2053	3650

as compared with:—

9th September, 1951	1604	1954	3558
9th September, 1950	1600	1955	3555
9th September, 1949	1540	1909	3449
9th September, 1948	1537	1842	3379

this year's number being 92 more than on the corresponding date last year, and 271 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Acting Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. There were no cases of zymotic disease amongst patients during the past month.

3. Female patient A. M. (4922) was found on admission to have a fracture of the left ankle, which was stated to have been sustained a day or two before. The facts were reported to the Minister for Health.

4. *Accidents to Patients* (Grangegorman).—Female patient E. K. (42046), while coming downstairs on 4th instant, accidentally stumbled and fell. She sustained a fracture of both bones of ankle and some displacement.

The Acting Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with the accident, which has been reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the past month.

5. *Accidents to Staff* (Grangegorman).—Male Nurse J. R. was bitten on the right hand by a patient on 31st August, necessitating the insertion of three stitches. The condition of his hand is still somewhat septic. He may be fit to resume duty in a fortnight.

J. O'D., Works Foreman, sustained a fractured leg while playing cricket for the Hospital team on 31st August. He will be off duty for some time.

Nurse M. A. G. was struck by a patient on 28th August and was off duty for two days.

On 2nd instant a patient threw a bowl of hot tea over Nurse L. C.'s face and neck, causing a slight burn. The nurse was not off duty as a result of the incident.



5. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane).—Male Nurse J. O'S. fell off his bicycle while proceeding to work in No. 9 division on 9th August. He received a fracture of the left wrist. He has been off duty since that date.

Nurse K. McC. sprained her ankle while out walking when off duty on 6th August. She was off duty for two days.

T. E., farm labourer, received an injury to his left knee when he was kicked by a cow while engaged in milking on 6th August. He was off duty until 13th August.

P. H., farm labourer, received an injury to his right foot caused by a fall while on duty. He was off duty for two days.

7. I have accepted the tender of Messrs. D. J. Bergin, Ltd., for the purchase of the wheat grown during this season.

8. The Architect has recommended and I have approved of the purchase of sanitary fittings, amounting to £134, for the new Male Visiting Hall from Messrs. Davis King and Co., Leinster Street. Their tender was the lowest of three submitted.

9. The Minister for Health has agreed to the proposal to purchase Kitchen and Bakery equipment amounting to £4,350. This amount was originally provided for in the proposed loan of £17,000, but these items were deleted and a loan of £13,000 only was sanctioned on 8th May, 1952. It will be necessary to provide for this equipment in some future loan.

10. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have authorised the insurance of the Friesian bull purchased in September, 1951, for a second year. The sum assured is £300 and the premium £10 10s. 0d.

11. I have accepted the tender of M. Lynders, Portrane, for the supply of 1,600 sq. yards of turves at 9d. per sq. yard for the laying of the Tennis Courts at Portrane.

12. I have agreed to the purchase of 30 sheets, 9 feet x 4 feet 1-16 inch, scarlet red formica at a cost of 4/4d. per sq. foot to cover the tables in the general Dining Hall at Portrane. The Acting Branch R.M.S., having had a sample table top constructed, advised that it is quite suitable.

13. Two cooking boilers in No. 8 kitchen at Portrane have become fractured and it became necessary to replace same immediately. I have accepted the tender of Ashwell and Nesbitt for one at £85 and one at £75.

14. I have approved of the purchase of a new bread-cutting machine to replace the hand machines in No. 8 division, Portrane. Subject to examination under working conditions, it is proposed to purchase a "Wicksteed" machine from Irish Food Machines for £350. This machine will both cut and butter the bread.

In conjunction with the above, I have authorised the purchase of:—

Butter Pat Machine (Maguire and Gatchell, Ltd.)	...	...	£16 10s. 0d.
Potato Chipper (Ashwell and Nesbitt, Ltd.)	...	...	£5 5s. 0d.
Can Opener (Ashwell and Nesbitt, Ltd.)	...	...	£3 7s. 0d.

15. The consent of the Minister for Health has been received to the establishment of a Clinic at the Public Assistance Dispensary, Bray, under Section 24 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

16. The Minister for Health has agreed to the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Matthew Hall and Co., Ltd., for the mechanical services in the new Male Visiting Hall in the sum of £3,584 and to the acceptance of the tender of Electrical Enterprises Ltd. for the electrical installation in the sum of £818 11s. 7d.

17. The Minister for Health has authorised the raising by the Board of a loan of £15,000 for the purpose of defraying part cost of the new Patients' Visiting Hall and Occupational Therapy Department at Grangegorman.

18. On the recommendation of Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. James Carroll, 73 Harold's Cross Road, for the various types of plastering work in connection with the new Visiting Hall.

19. At 7.30 p.m. on 27th August smoke was found issuing from a window frame in No. 7 Dayroom. This was extinguished at 7.35 by a stirrup pump. Portion of the window frame had to be removed. The fire was caused by a cigarette end being dropped between the boards.

20. On 2nd instant when pigs were being delivered to Keogh's factory, one pig got loose and upset a pram which was on the footpath. The pram was damaged but fortunately the child escaped injury.

21. Tenders were invited for the supply of 200 barrels of feeding oats. Only one tender was received, at 85/- per barrel. The Agricultural Manager does not recommend its acceptance, as he is of opinion that oats may be obtained locally at a lower price.

22. I have appointed Mr. P. L. Farrell, Accountant and Auditor, to take stock in the Board's Hospitals for the half-year ending 30th September, 1952, and to audit the Canteen Accounts for the following fees:—

Hospital Stocks, Grangegorman and Portrane. £50 0 0

Canteen Stocks and Audit of Accounts ... £7 7 0

23. I have received notice from the Dublin County Council of their intention to lay a watermain through portion of Santry Demesne.

24. I submit draft Deed of Mortgage in respect of loan of £15,000 for the new Male Visiting Hall, together with Form of Undertaking for repayment, which requires to be sealed.

25. On Friday, 5th instant, about 11 a.m., two milch cows were found dead at Turvey Farm on the hill field adjoining the cottages along the Turvey Avenue.

One cow had gone through a hedge and two strands of barbed wire and tried to get through the iron gate of Madden's garden, and was found dead alongside the gate.

The other cow tried to get through the hedge in the corner of our field along the Turvey Avenue. She appeared to have caught her head between a forked branch in the hedge and to have broken her neck.

These cows, having been milked in the morning, were put out to pasture about 9 a.m. A post-mortem was carried out by Mr. Daly's assistant, Mr. Harte, Veterinary Surgeon. He did not find anything abnormal with the carcass. The organs of the cows have been sent to Thorndale for examination.

In case the animals had been chased by dogs, the Guards at Lusk were notified. They have made enquiries about the dogs in the district, but can find no evidence of any dogs chasing cattle. None of the staff has seen any dogs around the farm.

On the morning of the 8th instant another milch cow on the Turvey Farm was found dead at 6.15 a.m. when the cattle were being taken in for milking. Mr. Hayes called in the Veterinary Surgeons from Thorndale, as well as Mr. Daly's assistant, for examination of this cow. They found nothing abnormal with the carcass, and the organs were removed to Thorndale for further examination. The three carcasses have been buried, the latter unskinned. The further examination has not disclosed the cause of death and the organs have been sent to the City Analyst for a more detailed examination. I propose having any further reports which may be received considered at the next meeting of Agricultural Committee.

26. The Clerk of Works reports that steam coal at £8 0s. 6d. per ton now appears to be a more economical fuel than fuel oil, 200 sees. at 12½ pence per gallon. Both these fuels are, in his opinion, a better proposition than Lullymore briquettes at 89/- per ton delivered. It would appear more economical to discontinue the use of Lullymore briquettes when the present contract expires, in about a month's time, and go over to steam coal in the boilerhouses on the male side and No. 22 Hospital and to continue oil, for the present, in the boilerhouse on the female side. I have authorised the purchase of 100 tons of steam coal for Grangegorman pending further consideration of final winter supplies.

JOHN P. KEANE,  
*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

*Orders made thereon:*

*Par. 25.* Refer to Agricultural Committee.

*Par. 26.* Manager to be requested to enquire whether any further supplies of Lullymore briquettes are available.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 3rd September from the Clerk to the Council, Corporation of Dublin, notifying the appointment of Alderman Thomas Byrne, P.C., 48 Palmerston Road, Dublin, to represent the Corporation on the Board in succession to Alderman Alfred P. Byrne, B.L., T.D., deceased. *Noted.*

Acknowledgment from Alderman Alfred Byrne, T.D., of vote of condolence passed by Board on 21st August, 1952. *Noted.*

Acknowledgment from Councillor Sean Taggart of vote of condolence passed by the Board on 21st August, 1952. *Noted.*

The Board expressed its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the staff at Portrane had carried through the Sports held there on Sunday, 14th September, and directed that this appreciation be conveyed to the organisers of the Sports.

K. KEANE,

*Acting Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

EVELEEN O'BRIEN,

*Acting Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 159.**25th September, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 25th day of September, 1952, Councillor C. M. Byrne in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Miss M. C. Ennis and William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

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**REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.***25th September, 1952.*

*1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since last report of 28th August, 1952, nine tuberculin tested, Friesian Cross milch cows, first calvers, have been purchased, costing £560—an average of £62 4s. 5d. each.

With the purchase of the above milch cows, milk supplies have been fully maintained to Portrane. There has been a daily shortage at Grangegorman, varying from 10 gallons at the beginning of the month to 107 gallons for the past few days. At the moment the shortage is 57 gallons.

The total present daily production from 208 cows is 420 gallons, or two gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—During the past month mastitis has been very prevalent amongst the Dairy Herd. A very severe outbreak of a virulent type occurred on the Turvey Farm and 30 of the 62 milch cows were affected, some in one quarter and a number in the four quarters. They were treated with sulphanilimide and also injected with penicillin by the Veterinary Surgeon. The majority have recovered, but a number have remained chronic and will be cast for slaughter in due course. Most of the others suffered a severe setback in their milk yield. This outbreak of mastitis had a serious effect on the milk production for the month. I am satisfied that the trouble is now well under control. All the diseased animals were isolated and hand milked and have now practically all cleared up.

3. *Artificial Insemination*.—Artificial Insemination has been restarted since the beginning of the month.

There has been no re-check on the bulls by the Department, as the Veterinary Surgeon who was carrying out this work has been transferred to the Veterinary College. However, all the bulls appear healthy and are all in use. Cows are calving down very satisfactorily.

4. *Milk Yields*.—I wish to report on the milk yield of the dairy herd for the year ending 31st March, 1952.

The figures which I give are for the total milk production for the year and the total number of cows in the herd.

These figures represent a true herd average of all the animals in the herd and, for comparison, I include the figures for the previous two years as set out in the following table:—



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1949/50.

No. of Cows	TOTAL YIELD	AVERAGE YIELD
315-1	169,889	538

1950/51.

No. of Cows	TOTAL YIELD	AVERAGE YIELD
335	183,435	547.7

1951/52.

No. of Cows	TOTAL YIELD	AVERAGE YIELD
323	185,735	575

As will be seen from the foregoing table, there is a slow but steady increase amounting to an average of 37 gallons over the three years. The figure in 1947/48 was 471 gallons, which gives an average increase of 104 gallons over the past five years.

5. On Friday, 5th instant, about 11 a.m., two milch cows were found dead at Turvey Farm on the hill field adjoining the cottages along the Turvey Avenue.

One cow had gone through a hedge and two strands of barbed wire and tried to get through the iron gate of Madden's garden and was found dead alongside the gate.

The other cow tried to get through the hedge in the corner of our field along the Turvey Avenue. She appeared to have caught her head between a forked branch in the hedge and to have broken her neck.

These cows, having been milked in the morning, were put out to pasture about 9 a.m. A post-mortem was carried out by Mr. Daly's assistant, Mr. Harte, Veterinary Surgeon. He did not find anything abnormal with the carcase. The organs of the cows have been sent to Thorndale for examination.

In case the animals had been chased by dogs, the Guards at Lusk were notified. They have made enquiries about the dogs in the district, but can find no evidence of any dogs chasing cattle. None of the staff has seen any dogs around the farm.

On the morning of the 8th instant another milch cow on the Turvey Farm was found dead at 6.15 a.m. when the cattle were being taken in for milking. I called in the Veterinary Surgeons from Thorndale, as well as Mr. Daly's assistant, for examination of this cow. They found nothing abnormal with the carcass of this cow and the organs have been removed to Thorndale for further examination. The three carcasses have been buried, the latter unskinned.

On the evening of the 11th instant I was summoned by the Herd to Ballymastone, who informed me that a milch cow was badly swollen and distressed in the field. I summoned the Veterinary Surgeon, who arrived at Ballymastone at 7.30 p.m., and proceeded to Ballymastone, where I found that the cow had died. I then examined the other animals on the pasture and found about twenty others swollen. All cows were immediately removed from the pasture and housed. Three were tapped by the Veterinary Surgeon. They all appeared well by the following morning.

A post-mortem was made on the 12th instant by Veterinary Surgeons from Thorndale, which confirmed that death was due to frothy bloat evidently caused by an excessive intake of very luscious clover and grass. The cows were grazing on a small portion of this field on the evening of the 10th instant and received a fresh portion at 5.30 p.m.

on the evening of the 11th. The Herd was adopting the usual practice of strip grazing, which has been in operation here for the past five seasons.

I have been informed verbally that results of the investigations *re* death of the three cows at Turvey, which is being carried out at Thorndale, have proved negative. The organs have now been sent for further examination by the City Analyst.

6. *Grass*.—Practically all grass has been manured with Sulphate of Ammonia, but, despite this, growth has been very poor on most pastures and this is due to the prolonged drought. Grass is getting very scarce on all farms and, as a result, it now appears that the grazing season will terminate much earlier than in previous years.

7. *Crops*.—To date 15 acres, map measure, of 1st and 2nd and Main Crop potatoes have been dug, giving a yield of 191 tons 5 cwts. 1 qr. ware potatoes, an average yield of 12.75 tons per acre, which is an increase of 5.25 tons on last year's figures of 7.5 tons per acre.

The cutting and stooking of the 128 acres of corn crops was completed on the 8th instant, and to date 54 acres of this has been threshed.

The 22 acres, map measure, of barley at Turvey yielded 12 barrels to the acre. There is a high proportion of waste ground included in this area as the fields are small and surrounded by ditches and a river. This was old pasture land not previously broken and in a low state of fertility. Considering these conditions, the yield obtained was reasonably good.

The 32 acres of Winter and Spring wheat threshed to date is casting very well and the highest yield obtained was 15 barrels to the statute acre, map measure, from two fields.

Fifteen acres of 2nd cut hay was saved during the month and this has yet to be drawn in. All the other hay crop has been drawn and stored on all farms.

8. *Santry*.—All the hay crop has been drawn in at Santry. The after-grass is being used for grazing and is sufficient to maintain the present stock of 33 dry cows, nine two-year-old springing heifers and 63 calves.

JAMES HAYES,  
*Agricultural Manager.*

Orders made thereon:—

*Para. 1 to 4.* Noted.

*Para. 5.* Further consideration deferred pending submission of Analyst's report.

*Para. 6 to 8.* Noted.

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## REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

25th September, 1952.

### PORTRANE.

1. *Vegetable Fields*.—Work carried out in the fields during the past month consisted of grubbing and earthing 17 acres of brassicas, weeding two acres swede turnips, earthing two acres leeks, sowing two acres Autumn onions, lifting and harvesting portion of the Spring onions (three acres) and planting three acres cabbage plants. I am at the moment preparing more ground for cabbage plants.

2. It is an exceptionally good year for all vegetable crops, particularly the Spring onions, which has been the best crop since 1941, and I have no fear of any scarcity of vegetables occurring during the next seven months.

3. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*—Work carried out in this section consisted of sowing cabbage seed, lettuce seed, thinning turnips, earthing celery, propagation of flowering plants and general indoor work and picking fruit.

#### GRANGEGORMAN.

4. The following work was carried out in this department during the past month:—

Hoing and grubbing carrots, planting leeks, earthing celery, thinning beet and turnips, mowing grass and general upkeep of recreation grounds.

#### SANTRY COURT.

5. Work carried out in these gardens consisted chiefly of weeding, scuffling, care of tomato houses and picking fruit.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order. Noted.*

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#### FARM INSPECTION—PORTRANE.

11th September, 1952.

1. On Thursday, 11th September, accompanied by Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, we inspected the farm at Portrane, Ballymastone and Turvey.

2. Mr. Hayes reported the deaths of three milch cows at Turvey. The matter is being very thoroughly investigated and the details reported to the Manager.

3. Whilst there is less ensilage than in previous years, there is a very good supply of well-saved hay in the barns.

4. The 14 draught horses used on the farm were in their stalls as it was dinner hour. They are a particularly fine lot.
5. The young pigs in all stages and development are doing well.
6. At Ballymashone we saw a very promising lot of cross-Friesian heifer calves which are being reared on cows.
7. At Turvey the Spring wheat was being threshed and was being drawn straight to the mill. The barley has already been threshed.
8. We wish to thank Mr. Hayes for his courteous assistance in carrying out the inspection.

MARY C. ENNIS.  
JAMES ANDREWS.  
JOHN SMITHERS.

*Order. Noted.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following members were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to the 23rd October, 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor C. M. Byrne.  
" William Lawless.  
Mr. T. P. O'Reilly.

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E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

C. M. BYRNE,  
*Chairman.*  
JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

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FALCONER, DUBLIN.

*Report No. 160.**16th October, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**BOARD MEETING.**

The Stated Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 16th day of October, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives*:—Alderman Bernard Butler, B.A., T.D., Councillors Dr. Richard Batterberry, M.A., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, Richard C. Keane, Timothy J. Murray, Messrs. John Cahill, P.C., William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, Mrs. Essie O'Byrne, Mr. John Smithers, Mrs. Cecelia Keohle, and Mr. Denis Finn, B.L.

*County Dublin Representatives*:—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., Sean Taggart, and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives*:—Councillors C. M. Byrne, Patrick McCarthy and P. P. O'Reilly.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy.

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The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board (Report No. 158 of the 18th September 1952), were confirmed and signed.

## CONDOLENCE.

Councillor Denis Larkin proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded "That we learn with great regret of the loss which Councillor Mrs. Nix has sustained in the death of her husband and we tender to her our sincerest sympathy."

The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 17th September to 15th October, 1952 as under, was submitted and signed :—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 17th September, 1952	1670	2016	3686
Admitted to 15th October, 1952	29	34	63
	1699	2050	3749
	Males	Females	Total
Discharged to :			
15th Oct., 1952	22	22	44
Died to do.	7	12	19
Escaped to do. ...	—	—	—
	29	34	63
Remaining on Hospital Register, 15th October, 1952	1670	2016	3686
Absent on trial and escape, 15th October, 1952	22	15	37
Number actually resident on 15th October, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1648	2001	3649



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#### DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangegorman Mental Hospital	...	...	805	1269	2074
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	...	...	843	732	1575
Total number resident, as above	...	...	1648	2001	3649

#### CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	2713
County of Dublin	...	533
County Wicklow	...	336
Criminal Lunatics	...	51
Non-district patients	...	16
TOTAL	...	3649

#### AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Alderman B. Butler proposed and Councillor James Andrews seconded the adoption of Report No. 159 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th September, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

Arising out of this report, Mr. T. P. O'Reilly drew attention to the delay on the part of the contractors in completing the roofing of the silo pit at Turvey Farm. The Manager undertook to investigate the matter and report back.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

14th October, 1952.

1. We visited Portrane Mental Hospital on Tuesday, 14th October. Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., very kindly accompanied us on our tour of inspection.

The house No. 10 Portrane was looked over, and as far as we could see, it is quite fit for any tenant to occupy and needs no further re-decoration. We thought it would be a waste of money to do further re-decoration, but suggest that when the house does need re-painting or papering, it should be done as very little has been done for the entry of the new tenant.

2. We visited the Nurses' Recreation Room, and while we agree that the senior nurses ought to have a separate room, we cannot agree that the present room is suitable for dividing. It would be much better to have a room set apart.

3. The second luncheon for the Female patients was being served as we entered the Dining Hall. The roast meat looked tender, and the meal was appetisingly served with beans and potatoes. Those unable to eat the roast meat were having mince, and some had a liberal helping of rice pudding.

4. In the Kitchen the new steam tea urns are a great addition.

5. The Laundry is very much improved with the newly-painted walls and the colours are very bright and cheerful.

Many of the patients spoke to us, and we had the usual requests to be sent home.

6. In the Male Therapy Department we saw weaving of tweed, rug and mat-making and basket-weaving. All the patients seemed very interested in their work and were most industrious.

7. We recommend that a new radio be provided for the Nurses' Day Room.

Signed,

CATHERINE BYRNE,  
T. P. O'REILLY, P.C.  
E. O'BYRNE.

*Order : Received late. Consideration deferred to next meeting.*

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 20th November, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board :—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).  
" Mrs. Catherine Byrne.  
Mrs. C. Keeble.  
Mrs. E. O'Byrne.

##### PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE :

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).  
" W. J. Colman,  
Mr. John Cahill.  
Mr. D. Finn.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

10th October, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on 7th instant was :—

		<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
In Grangegorman	...	807	1,269	2,076
In Portrane	...	842	733	1,575
TOTALS	...	1,649	2,002	3,651
as compared with :—				
7th October, 1951	...	1,598	1,950	3,548
7th October, 1950	...	1,589	1,968	3,557
7th October, 1949	...	1,544	1,908	3,452
7th October, 1948	...	1,543	1,844	3,387

this year's number being 103 more than on the corresponding date last year, and 264 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals and the health of the patients are reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory.

On the 28th September an outbreak of gastro-enteritis occurred in Grangegorman affecting 33 male patients in No. 6 division. The patients affected recovered quickly and showed no further symptoms. The Chief R.M.S. has made an extensive enquiry to discover the cause of the epidemic. He believes that it was due to contamination of some of the food which the patients had for dinner, but the type or source of the contamination has not been discovered. About the same

time, six nurses on the female staff showed symptoms of gastro-enteritis, but the Chief R.M.S. does not consider there was any connection between the two outbreaks. He is keeping a special watch for any further cases that may develop.

3. Owing to an increase in the number of female patients at Grangegorman, it has been necessary to put up extra beds in the Lower House in the only places available, i.e., five beds in No 11 division dormitory, four beds in the corridor of No. 14 division. Some years ago there were beds in No. 14 division corridor. They were removed when the number of female patients fell during the war years.

4. Male patient T.B.C. (5061) was given permission to go to the Canteen at Grangegorman on the 27th ultimo, and he did not return to his division. The following day a telephone message was received to the effect that he had arrived at an address in Co. Clare where some of his relatives resided. As he was a voluntary patient, no action was taken.

Male patients B.M. (4444) and F.I. (4791), both liberty patients, escaped from Grangegorman on the 29th ultimo after supper. The grounds were searched and the Gardai notified. The first-named patient was brought back to the Hospital by Gardai from Swords on the 1st instant, and the second was brought back on the 2nd instant by his mother.

Male patient M.D. (4912), Grangegorman, was missed at 8 p.m. on the 27th ultimo. He returned of his own accord at 9.20 p.m.

On the 28th ultimo female patient M.P. (5014) left the Visiting Hall at Grangegorman when her aunt was leaving and ran away from her. The patient was brought back to the Hospital the same evening, having been located in another relative's house.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes.

**5. Accidents to Patients—(Grangegorman).** Female patient E. McD. (5070) was admitted to Grangegorman on the 29th ultimo with a cut under the right eye, considerable facial bruising and a Colles fracture of the right wrist. Her general condition is poor.

Female patient E.H. (2912) accidentally slipped and fell in a ward on the 25th ultimo and sustained a Potts fracture of her left ankle. She is progressing satisfactorily.

Both cases have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portrane were reported during the past month.

**6. Accidents to Staff—(Grangegorman).** Nurse C.H. was struck with a mug by a patient on the 4th instant under the left eye. She was attended to by a Medical Officer and will be off duty for a few days.

Dr. E.L., Clinical Clerk, slipped on the stairs in No. 18 division on the 11th September and injured her right foot. She was off duty from the 13th to the 21st September.

**7. Accidents to Staff—(Portrane).** On the 13th ultimo temporary Attendant M.C. fell while competing in the hospital sports and fractured his left forearm. He has been off duty since that date.

J.K., juvenile farm labourer, was absent from the 3rd to the 11th ultimo following an injury to his foot received while travelling on a tractor and trailer.

A number of other minor accidents to members of the nursing staff are reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

8. Male patient J.J. (4085) was admitted to Grangegorman on the 1st November last as a voluntary chargeable patient. This man was a refugee from Central Europe and, although fit for discharge, he had nowhere to go and no prospect of earning his living in this country. On the recommendation of the Chief R.M.S., I agreed that a grant of £15 should be made to him from the Canteen Account to cover his expenses in travelling to the continent where he had some hopes of making a fresh start in life.

9. I received a communication from the Department of Health about a Mr. J.D.M., who is at present a patient in a mental hospital in New York and whom the United States Immigration Authorities propose to have repatriated. As this man is a native of Dublin City, I have agreed to his admission to Grangegorman on the understanding that the United States Immigration Authorities will pay all the costs of bringing him to Dublin and having him certified.

10. Owing to an increase in the number of working patients in No. 7 female division in Portrane, I have approved, on the recommendation of the Acting Branch R.M.S., of an increase in the weekly issue of cigarettes to that division.

11. The Chief R.M.S. has arranged to hold the first session in the Mental Health Clinic in Bray on Friday, 17th instant.

The Dublin County Council has agreed to make available the dispensary at Swords, and I am applying for the consent of the Minister for Health to the establishment of a Clinic in that centre.

12. The Minister for Health has stated that there is no objection to the Board's proceeding now with the preparation of working drawings for the new Female Visiting Hall at Grangegorm, and the Architect has been instructed accordingly.

Subject to the consent of the Minister for Health, I have approved of plans submitted by the Consulting Engineer for the provision of outdoor lighting standards at the new Male Visiting Hall which he estimates will cost about £180, exclusive of builders' attendance. I have also adopted his recommendation that the electrical distribution gear in the workshop between the boilerhouse and the New Visiting Hall be overhauled at an estimated cost of £280. The old gear is obsolete and has been condemned by the E.S.B., and the Engineer considers it desirable to have it put in order in conjunction with the work on the new hall.

13. The Board's Architect recently inspected houses Nos. 101—106 Portrane which were reported by the Chief Engineer to be in a bad condition. The Architect reports that their repair would be uneconomic, and that even the most extensive scheme of reconstruction would not result in providing houses of a suitable standard. He recommends accordingly that a terrace of six houses should be erected by completing the "Red Square" on the west side at an estimated cost of £11,000, and that the old houses be removed. I have approved of that recommendation and directed him to prepare plans for submission to the Department of Health at an early date.

It will be necessary at a later date to raise a loan to cover the cost of these houses.

Working drawings and specification for the proposed new houses for the Farmyard Foreman and Works Foreman at



Portrane have been completed by the Architect and submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

14. The following are particulars of tenders for general supplies which I have accepted for the six months ending 31st March, 1953:—

		Corresponding price September, 1951
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>FRANK QUINN.</b>		
Beef ... ..	9 9 0 per cwt.	7 16 4 per cwt.
Mutton ... ..	11 8 8 "	10 10 0 "
Sheep Liver ... ..	0 2 10 per lb.	
Mutton Outlets ... ..	0 3 0 "	
<b>PATRICK MURPHY.</b>		
Irish Creamery Butter £20 8s. 4d. per cwt.*		15 17 4 per cwt.*
d/d Grangegorman.		
<b>JOHN CLARKE &amp; SONS, Ltd.</b>		
Irish Creamery Butter £20 8s. 10d. per cwt.*		15 17 10 per cwt.*
d/d Portrane.		
*Less 10s. per cwt. for boxes returned.		
<b>DROGHEDA OATMEAL MILLING CO. LTD.</b>		
Oatmeal (a) Pinhead. £50 0s. 0d. per ton	} d/d G'gorman or Portrane.	
(b) Flake. £54 0s. 0d. "		
<b>M. &amp; P. HANLON, Ltd.</b>		
Cod, hake, haddock	s. d.	s. d.
or ling ... ..	2 6 per lb. d/d G'gorman.	2 6 per lb.
" " ... ..	2 6½ " " Portrane.	2 6½ "
Fresh whiting ... ..	0 11 " " G'gorman.	0 11 "
" " ... ..	0 11½ " " Portrane.	0 11½ "
Chickens ... ..	4 4 " " G'gorman.	4 7 "
" " ... ..	4 8 " " Portrane.	4 7½ "
<b>HILL &amp; SONS, Ltd.</b>		
Yarns ... ..	6 8 per lb. } d/d G'gorman	7 6 "
Finishing Tweed ... ..	0 11½ per yd. } or Amiens St.	0 11½ per yd.

15. As requested by the Board at its last meeting, I have been in touch with Bord Na Mona who have agreed to supply 1,500 tons of Lullymore briquettes during the period ending 31st March, 1953. The present price of these briquettes is

£4 per ton ex works, and, in accordance with the Board's policy to give a preference to native fuels, I have authorised the purchase of the full quantity offered. The Clerk of Works reports that the estimated costs, per 1,000 lbs. of steam generated, of the three main fuels used at Grangegorman are as follows :—

First quality steam coal at £8 per ton delivered	... ..	8.9 shillings.
Fuel oil (200 secs.) at 12 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> d. per gallon delivered	... ..	9.1 "
Lullymore briquettes at 89/- per ton delivered	... ..	9.7 "

16. Tenders were recently invited from the principal Ford dealers for two tractors required for the farm at Portrane and, on the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the tender of Autocars (Ireland), Ltd., being the only complete tender received, at the following prices :

One Fordson Diesel Tractor with accessories for £654.

One Fordson Major Diesel Tractor with accessories for £632.

One hydraulic lift for Fordson Major Diesel Tractor for £75.

The suppliers will allow a credit of £100 for a 1937 model Fordson tractor which is no longer required.

17. Printed Report No. 157 containing tables of the Accounts for 1951-52 is being circulated with the Agenda for the Meeting on the 16th instant. The following report has been submitted by the Accountant in connection with the Abstract of Accounts (which was submitted formally to the Board on the 21st August last) and the Tables contained in Printed Report No. 157 :—

## ACCOUNTS FOR 1951-52.

When preparing the Estimate for the current year it was expected that there would be a debit balance of £18,497 after providing £4,800 for the floats in the Wages, Live Stock and Petty Cash Accounts. The actual figure after these adjustments worked out at £13,485.

Receipts for the year totalled £74,451, being £10,601 in excess of the estimate of £63,850. Receipts from Paying Patients exceeded the Estimate by £8,692. Interest allowed by Treasurer, which was not provided for, amounted to £531. Superannuation contributions were in excess of estimate by £1,327, mainly due to increases granted in Salaries and Wages. Farm Sales were below estimate by £611, due to the fact that the sale of pigs had been stopped. The pigs are now killed and cured for use in the hospital.

Expenditure which was estimated at £623,917 amounted to £647,114 or £23,197 in excess of the estimate. During the year additional expenditure amounting to £45,980 was authorised pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940. This amount was made up as follows:—

Fuel	...	...	£24,000
Salaries and Wages	...	...	8,000
Farm Expenses	...	...	12,880
Clinic and New Internal Tele- phone System	...	...	1,100
			<hr/>
			£45,980

Details of the Increases under the various heads of expenditure are set out in Table 2. The figure of £8,605 shown as a decrease under the heading of structural alterations, repairs, etc., is due to the fact that part of the expenditure provided for under this head is charged in the final accounts against Farm and Garden Accounts, Bakery Account and Furniture.

The Grangegorm Farm and Garden Account shows a profit of £3,073 as compared with £1,314 last year. Credits for Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers supplied to the Hospital amounted to £936 as against £779 the previous year. The credit in respect of bacon supplied from our own pigs amounted to £8,523; hitherto the pigs were nearly all sold.

The Portrane Farm Account shows a loss of £167 as compared with a profit of £4,207 for the previous year. Cash expenditure increased by £3,791. The principal sub-heads under which increases occurred were Paid Labour, Manures, Implements, Seeds, Oil, Petrol, etc. There was a reduction in the amount spent on Livestock. The value of the produce supplied remained approximately the same.

The Portrane Garden Account shows a profit of £3,436 as compared with £2,368 in 1950/51. Expenditure showed a decrease of £97. Produce supplied increased by £543, while the value of stocks at 31/3/52 was £333 in excess of that at the commencement of the year.

The Daily Average Cost calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1945, was 9s. 7d., an increase of 1s. per day over that for the year ended 31st March, 1951.

The Average Cost calculated on the Gross Expenditure for the year was £183 3s. 3d. The previous year it was £165 18s. 10d. The Net Average Cost after deducting receipts for Paying Patients and other Miscellaneous Receipts was £163 6s. 4d. as against £144 18s. 2d.

The Daily Average Number of patients resident increased from 3,524 to 3,533.

Stocks in hand of consumable materials, fuels and farm implements were valued at £85,478 at 31/3/52 as compared with £65,792 at 31/3/51. The value of Fuel Stocks increased from £18,377 to £32,059.

The Profit on the Canteen Account for the year amounted to £1,753, a decrease of £44 compared with the previous year. Appropriations which in 1950-51 were £500 in excess of the profit for the year are again £103 in excess of the profit. The balance standing to credit of the account at 31st March last was £2,203.

18. I will submit for completion at the meeting on the 16th instant the deed of mortgage whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works for the repayment of the sum of £15,000 proposed to be advanced by them for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the New Male Patients' Visiting Hall at Grangegorman. The loan is for a period of 20 years.

19. The Rev. Stephen Marley has been appointed Parish Priest of Donabate in succession to the late Very Rev. Father Finnegan, and I have appointed Father Marley Catholic Chaplain to Portrane Mental Hospital subject to the approval of the Minister for Health.

20. The Minister's approval has been obtained to the appointment of the Rev. Walter Vincent Martin, B.A., as Presbyterian Chaplain to Grangegorman in succession to the Rev. Thomas Byers, who retired some months ago.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

# MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

16th October, 1952.

21. Since 20th ultimo 24 male and 27 female patients were admitted, total 51. Forty-five of these were chargeable patients, of whom 27 were Temporary, 9 were Voluntary and 9 were Persons of Unsound Mind. Six private patients were admitted, of whom 3 were Voluntary Patients, 2 were Persons of Unsound Mind, and one was a Temporary Patient.

22. The following are particulars of further tenders which have been accepted for supplies and services in respect of the period ending 31st March, 1953:—

		Corresponding Price, 1951.	
		s.	d.
CARTON BROS., LTD.			
Selected Eggs at 40s. per 120 d/d			
Grangegorman	...	40	6 per 120
at 40s. 6d. per 120 d/d			
Portrane	...	41	0 per 120.
BEN EDGAR DAIRY.			
Pasteurised Milk (for period ending 30th April, 1953)		(Oct. to Mar.) 2s. 11d. gal.	
at 2s. 11d. per gallon d/d			
Grangegorman	...	(April).	2s. 5d. "

**TEDCASTLE MCCORMICK & Co. LTD.**

Haulage of Turf Briquettes at 9s. per ton

**IRISH PRODUCTS, LTD.**

\*Purchase of Boiled Bones (for period ending 30th September, 1953) at 5s. 4d. per cwt. collected from Grangegorm and Portrane 5s. 0d. per cwt.

23. I have also accepted the tender of Messrs. Todd Burns & Co. Ltd., for the supply of 80 dozen women patients' tweed dresses at 381s. per dozen, being the lowest of four tenders received.

24. Tenders were recently invited for the supply of 800 tons of best Welsh steam coal and eight were received, all at the same price, viz., £8 per ton. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I accepted the tender of Messrs. Donnelly & Sons, Ltd., for 100 tons only at that price.

25. As a result of changes in the prices of certain commodities caused by the last Budget, the Accountant estimates that there will be increased expenditure of £12,000 in the current year under the head of Food, Drink and Tobacco, for which provision was not made in the official Estimate and Demand for 1952-53.

The prices of beef and mutton have increased by 4d. and 1½d. per lb. respectively over those ruling for the year ending 31st March, 1952, and this will involve a further addition of approximately £4,800.

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\*The Contractors undertake to supply meat and bone meal to Portrane Farm at the price of £26 per ton to the extent of one-half by weight of the bones collected.

I would ask the Board to authorise, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, additional expenditure to the extent of £16,800 to meet these increased costs.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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*Orders made thereon :*

*Par. 3.* Proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Sean Dunne—"That this report be conveyed to the Minister for Health and that he be asked for early approval to the proposals already submitted for the provision of additional accommodation at Grangegorman."

*Passed unanimously.*

*Par. 13.* Plans to be submitted to the Board for examination.

*Par. 18.* Proposed by Councillor W. J. Colman, seconded by Councillor C. M. Byrne—"That our corporate seal be affixed to the deed of mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioner of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds (£15,000) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945."

*Passed unanimously.*

*Par. 24. Noted and Approved.*

*Par. 25.* Proposed by Councillor Richard Keane, seconded by Alderman Bernard Butler—"That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act,



1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum of £16,800 on the purchase of food, drink and tobacco, in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1952-53."

*Passed unanimously.*

Arising out of this report, Councillor Sean Dunne proposed and Councillor B. Conway seconded—"That the Minister be asked to reimburse to the Board's contributing authorities, through the Health Services Grant, the full amount of the additional expenditure on the purchase of food, drink and tobacco resulting from the last budget."

The motion was put to the meeting and was declared lost. There were eight votes for, and twelve against.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
CUSTOM HOUSE,  
DUBLIN,

14th October, 1952.

A. Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to enclose for the information of the local authority copy of a communication sent to the Dublin Corporation and the Dublin County Council on proposals for the unified administration of the Dublin health services.

Miss, ie meas,

B. HENSEY.

Chief Clerk,

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

## [ENCLOSURE]

E. 17/3.

30th September, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to inform you that the Minister wishes to acquaint the Dublin County Council of measures which he has had under consideration whereby a unified authority would be established to administer the health services in Dublin City and County.

The initiation of measures for unification of the Dublin health services has arisen from the Minister's conviction that the existence of six separate authorities, charged with responsibility for administering the health services, including the maintenance of a number of hospitals, sanatoria and other institutions in the Dublin area, has hindered their uniform development. There are two Health Authorities for the area, Dublin Corporation for the City, and Dublin County Council for the County. As health authorities, these bodies are responsible for the administration of the Infectious Diseases (including Tuberculosis) Service, the Maternity and Child Welfare and school medical services and the other services provided under the Health Act, 1947. There are three public assistance authorities who, in addition to their social welfare functions, administer the dispensary medical service and certain institutions for public assistance patients. The Dublin Board of Assistance caters for the city and the adjoining districts and the Balrothery and Rathdown Boards of Assistance for the remainder of the county. The Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board is responsible for the mental health services for the whole area, and County Wicklow as well.

Some of the local authorities referred to operate in the city alone, some in the county alone and others in both the city and county. Each has done good work in its own sphere but, in view of the compact nature of the entire area and the similarity of the needs of its residents, it is thought that better services for all should result from integration under one joint authority.

Institutional services for the city and county are practically completely centred in or near the city and the institutions can, it is considered, be used to best advantage by an authority representing both the city and the county. Insofar as the extra-institutional health services are concerned, the Minister considers that any arguments in favour of more localised administration of such services as the school medical service and the dispensary service are outweighed by the advantages which would be achieved by having these and the hospital services co-ordinated under one unified authority. The proposed Unified Authority would have power, if it wished, to set up Committees and in this way representative local committees could deal with matters arising in relation to health services in sub-divisions of its functional area.

The advantages which should follow on the unification of the existing bodies responsible for health matters would include the uniform administration of the different services, greater flexibility in the provision of institutional and other treatment and in the employment of health personnel a greater degree of uniformity in the development of the health services and more economical running of those services as a whole. The contemplated extension of the health services, announced in the White Paper published last July, makes the case for unification more compelling.

The Minister proposes that in Dublin City and County there should be one health authority, to consist of 16 members of the Corporation and 8 members of the County Council, to carry out the health functions of the Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council and the three Boards of Assistance, and the functions of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. The new body would have the services of a whole-time officer to carry out the appropriate executive functions. The three Boards of Assistance and the Mental Hospital Board as such would be superseded and their officers and servants transferred to the new authority, previous service counting for superannuation purposes. The Social Welfare portion of the Public Assistance services (mainly the Home Assistance Service) would, for the time being, be administered by the new body. For the administration of the affairs of the Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals special representation for Wicklow County would be arranged.

The Minister has carefully considered the problems involved in the financing of the new authority. He proposes that :—

- (a) the cost of the services for which the authority will be responsible will be met by the Corporation and the County Council ;
- (b) their cost up to a figure not exceeding the cost in the year immediately preceding the establishment of the authority will be contributed by the Corporation and the County Council in the proportions in which they were met by those bodies in that year ; and

- (c) any cost over and above that limit (which additional cost may be occasioned by expansion of services) will be met by the Corporation and the County Council in the ratio of the valuations of the city and county.

An exception would be made in the case of the School Meals Service, the cost of which will continue to be charged on the areas benefiting, *viz.*, the City, Dun Laoghaire Borough and Balbriggan Town. The contribution by Wicklow County of its proportion of the mental health service will be continued.

The Minister has considered other bases on which the expenses of the new authority might be met, but he feels that that now outlined is the most equitable. It would interfere to the minimum with the present allocation of costs as between the city and the county; it would make for the least degree of interference with the operation of the Health Services Grant, and it appears to the Minister that the principle of asking the Corporation and the County Council to continue to pay for the services at rates measured by the degree of their development in each of their administrative areas at the time of the amalgamation, and to contribute in proportion to valuation towards any expansion of those services, is reasonable.

I am to request that the Council will favour the Minister with their observations on his proposals at an early convenient date.

*Board Meeting.*

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16th October, 1952.

A similar letter is being sent to the Dublin Corporation.

Mise, le meas,

(Sgd.) P. S. Ó MUIREADHAIGH.

Secretary,

Dublin County Council.

*Order.—Noted.*

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DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

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FALCONER, DUBLIN.

*Report No. 161.**23rd October, 1952.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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**AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 23rd day of October, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present:— Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, W. P. Donohoe, Miss M. C. Ennis, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

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*23rd October, 1952.***REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.**

1. *Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.*—Since my last Report of 25th September, 1952, seven tuberculin tested, friesland cows, six milking and one dry, have been purchased, costing £494/11/0, an average of £70/13/0 each. Two Friesian Cross, forward springers, were also purchased, at a cost of £130/4/0, an average of £65/2/0 each.

With the purchase of the above milch cows, milk supplies have been fully maintained to Portrane. There has been a daily shortage at Grangegorman, varying from 57 gallons at the beginning of the month to 117 gallons for the past few days. At the moment the shortage is 87 gallons.

The total daily production from 219 cows is 415 gallons or 1.9 gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—There has been a considerable improvement in the incidence of this disease during the past month. With the exception of one springing cow which died as a result of a bad attack of mastitis, septicaemia setting in, all the other affected cows have now cleared up.

A routine examination by sampling of milk from all cows in the herd is now being carried out by the V.S. and treatment of all affected quarters will be carried out. I am satisfied that the disease is now well under control.

3. *Artificial Insemination*.—Artificial Insemination is progressing satisfactorily and cows are calving down normally.

4. With further reference to the sudden deaths of the three cows at Turvey, as reported last month, reports have been received from the Pathologist of the Veterinary Research Station at Thorndale, who carried out the post-mortems, and also from the City Analyst. These reports throw no further light on the causes of death and nothing further can be added to my previous reports.

5. *Grass*.—Due to the continuance of the dry weather, the growth of grass has been very disappointing and as anticipated in my last report, the season is ending much sooner than in previous years, necessitating the housing and feeding of the heavy milking cows, at night, since the 7th instant.

6. *Crops*.—The threshing of the corn crops was completed on the 11th instant and the yields are as follows:—

*Wheat*.—95 acres yielded 1,259.3 barrels, an average of 13.25 barrels per statute acre or 21.46 barrels per Irish acre, map measurement



This represents an increase of three barrels per statute acre over last year and is the highest average yield recorded on the farm.

All the wheat crop has been sold with the exception of 84 barrels retained for seed.

*Barley*.—11 acres at Ballymastone yielded 164 barrels, an average of 14.9 barrels per statute acre.

The total yield from the 33 acres of barley at Ballymastone and Turvey was 423 barrels, an average of 12.82 barrels per statute acre or 20.78 per Irish acre, map measurement.

The Herta Barley has given a disappointing yield and is six barrels less, per acre, than that obtained from Ymer last year. As a growing crop it looked very promising. All the crop has been retained for livestock feeding.

The general digging and pitting of the potato crop is now in progress. Thirty acres have been dug to date, leaving sixty-five acres still to dig. So far the crop is digging well and the yield promises to be considerably higher than last season.

The 15 acres of 2nd cut hay has now been drawn in, which completes the storing of the hay crop.

7. *Santry*.—The 10 acres of wheat at Santry yielded approximately 100 barrels, which I consider very satisfactory, as there was difficulty in getting the crop established due to an attack of leather jackets and to Potash deficiencies. The grass on this farm is holding reasonably well and at present the following stock is on the land:—

40 dry and lactating cows;

54 calves and 5 two-year-old heifers.

JAMES HAYES.

ORDER: *Noted.*

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.  
PORTRANE.

23rd October, 1952.

1. *Vegetable Fields*.—All winter crops including parsnips, turnips and carrots are doing well.

*Spring Onions*.—The hanking of this crop is not completed yet. Up to date 5 tons have been hanked and 3 tons were supplied to Portrane kitchens on Fridays as the principal vegetable.

*Autumn Onions* (2 acres).—I have just finished the weeding of this young crop and they appear to be promising.

*Spring Cabbage*.—Up to date, 8 acres have been planted and I hope to plant a further 2 acres before the end of the month.

2. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens*.—Work carried out in the gardens consisted of planting lettuce, earthing celery, planting flower beds, propagating and general attention to indoor plants. The picking of apples is not yet completed.

GRANGEGORMAN.

3. Since my last report the following work was carried out in this department, viz.:—sowing onions, planting cabbage and lettuce, planting flower beds and borders on Hospital grounds. Three acres of lay ground opposite the piggeries have been ploughed.

SANTRY GARDENS.

4. Work carried out in this unit consisted chiefly of picking apples, planting bulbs and general upkeep of gardens.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

ORDER: Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARM.

11th March, 1952.

1. We visited Portrane on the 11th March, 1952, and accompanied by the Farm Manager, Mr. Hayes, we inspected the various departments in the Farmyard, where we saw cows being milked and all in very good condition. We also saw quite a number of pigs comprising Bonhams, Stores and Sows, all doing very well.

2. We then visited the gardens where we met Mr. Wolohan and inspected the gardens where everything appeared in good order and showed prospects of good crops.

3. We visited BallymaSTONE where we saw cows being milked and saw a number of calves, all of which appeared to be in good condition.

4. We next visited Turvey and again saw the cows here being milked. We saw provision being made for new silo and straw shed.

We would like to thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their kindness to us on this visit.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY.

G. M. BYRNE.

J. ANDREWS.

Order: *Noted.*

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REPORT OF INSPECTION—PORTRANE FARMS  
AND GARDENS.

7th October, 1952.

1. We visited the Farm and Garden at Portrane and also the farms at BallymaSTONE and Turvey on the 7th October,

2. In Portrane farmyard we saw a number of freshly calved milch cows being clipped in preparation for housing at night, as the grass supply is now only sufficient to maintain the milch cows during the day. All the heavy milking cows were to be housed at night by the end of that week.

3. We examined the pig herd in detail and saw the various lots of store bonhams, store sows, dry sows, brood sows with their litters and the three boars—total 314 animals. With the exception of one or two the litters are good—9 to 12 bonhams on most sows. The two recently purchased boars are of good type and should improve the herd.

4. At Ballymastone farm, the cows were in for milking and clipping was in progress here also. We examined the 14 cows suckling 40 calves, all Friesian crosses, and looking very well. We observed the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acre field of winter broccoli which promises a good crop, and also the digging and pitting of a field of potatoes on this farm.

5. At Turvey farm the threshing of the wheat crop was in progress. A good sample of the variety Karn II was being obtained. We ascertained that the wheat crop is yielding very satisfactorily and that all threshing was expected to be completed by the 11th instant.

Milking was in progress and the cows were looking up to their usual standard. We observed that Messrs. Kennan & Co. were erecting the iron standards for the new shed to cover the silo pit. We noticed that the straw was ricked in the open and will have to be rehandled when the shed is completed. Had the shed been erected before the threshing commenced in September, the labour involved in rehandling this shed of straw would have been avoided. We were very disappointed to find that Messrs. Kennan had not completed

the construction of this shed in the time specified in their tender, despite the fact that their price was higher than the other contractors.

6. We visited the Gardens and Vegetable fields:—

*Gardens.*—Harvesting and hanking onions, picking apples. Apple crop in general. Utilising compost or garden rubbish heaps for growing vegetable marrows and ridge cucumbers. The reclaimed gardens (3½ acres) now producing crops.

The Head Gardener informed us that this new ground will require to be fenced very soon and connected to the old gardens (4½ acres) by a bridge to be erected over the canal. We were surprised at the amount of water in the canal. The Head Gardener informed us that he intends to report at a later date with regard to the utilising of this water for watering the crops during the summer or dry periods when the present water supply is not available.

*Vegetable Fields.*—Reilly's Hill—4 acres Spring cabbage, 2 acres leeks and 2 acres Autumn onions.

*Ballymastone:*—4½ acres broccoli, 2 acres carrots and 2 acres swede turnips.

*Spencer's Farm.*—7 acres Savoy and 3 acres broccoli.

*Swamp Field.*—5 acres Savoy and Brussel Sprouts.

*Small Lawn Field.*—2 acres swede turnips and half acre brussel sprouts.

We would like to thank Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager, and Mr. Wolohan for the manner in which they conducted us around the place.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY, P.C.,  
C. M. BYRNE.

ORDERS MADE THEREON:

*Pars. 1 to 4—Noted.*

Par. 5—Await report of Chief Engineer.

Par. 6—Noted.

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#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 27th Nov., 1952, date of next meeting of the Agricultural Committee:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (*Chairman*),

Councillor W. P. Donohoe,

Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis,

Mr. John Smithers.

F. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

## *Report No. 162*

*November, 1952.*

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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Report of Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Board's Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1951.

Ordered by Manager to be printed and circulated to the members of the Board, 6th November, 1952.

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DUBLIN.

*7th October, 1952.*

A Chara,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of Grangegorman Joint Mental Hospital Board for the year ended 31st March, 1951. Transmitted, herewith, are certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts.

Following is a summary of the Revenue Account for the year under review, together with comparative figures for the previous year:—

	1951	1950
	£	£
Gross Expenditure ... ..	584,778	515,327
Receipts, excluding monies received from Contributory Authorities ...	74,120	69,896
Net Expenditure ...	510,658	445,431

The net balance to credit at 31/3/51, £2,550 10s. 10d., was apportioned as under:—

	£	s.	d.	
County Borough of Dublin ...	555	13	10	debit
County Council of Dublin ...	3,937	13	0	credit
County Council of Wicklow ...	831	8	4	debit

Monies received from the Contributory Authorities for the service of the year were:—

	£
County Borough of Dublin ... ..	350,423
County Council of Dublin ... ..	66,707
County Council of Wicklow ... ..	41,949

Receipts from Paying Patients were as follows:—

	Criminal Lunatics	Paying Patients
	£	£
County Borough of Dublin ... ..	5,560	27,293
County Council of Dublin ... ..	1,038	7,034
County Council of Wicklow ... ..	678	2,560
	7,276	36,887



Sales of farm and garden produce, at £12,553, were £3,241 more than in the preceding year.

The following explanatory table shows expenditure under the various heads as compared with the previous year:—

	1951 £	1950 £	<i>Increase</i> £
Salaries and Wages			
(Gross) ... ..	209,285	192,934	16,451
Superannuations, etc. ...	37,420	29,380	8,040
Food, drink and tobacco	106,404	94,758	11,646
Farm expenses ... ..	62,560	58,744	3,816
Washing and cleansing	2,851	2,300	551
Medicines ... ..	9,293	5,191	4,102
Heating, lighting and water ... ..	65,745	49,378	16,367
Clothing and bedding ...	33,405	33,017	388
Furniture, crockery and hardware ... ..	10,862	8,028	2,834
Medical and surgical appliances ... ..	3,894	2,383	1,511
Structural alterations, re- pairs, etc. ... ..	15,899	13,265	2,134
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ... ..	4,496	2,978	1,518
Miscellaneous ... ..	7,257	6,820	437

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69,795

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	<i>Decrease</i>		
	£	£	£
Stationery, printing, etc.	2,424	2,581	157
Re-afforestation ...	412	461	49
Loan Charges ...	12,971	13,109	138
			<hr/> 344 <hr/>
Total ...	584,778	515,327	
Net increase ...			<hr/> 69,451 <hr/>

The average daily number of patients resident in the Board's Institutions during 1951 was 3,524. This compares with 3,441 in 1950, an increase of 83. Average costs of maintenance were:—

<i>Year ended</i>	<i>Grangegorman</i>	<i>Portrane</i>
	s. d.	s. d.
31/3/51 ...	8 10.98	8 1.71
31/3/50 ...	8 3.40	7 7.39

The Board's indebtedness on foot of loans amounted to £94,431 at 31/3/51. This total is £4,079 less than at 31/3/50.

Insurances and Fidelity Bonds were in order at date of audit.

Mise, le meas,

(Signed) J. E. CURRAN,

*Local Government Auditor.*

The Minister for Local Government,  
Dublin.

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

**GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS**

**For the Year ended**

**31st MARCH, 1951.**

# GRANGEGORMAN DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

## Abstract of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 1951.

RECEIPTS	Amount	Total	EXPENDITURE	Amount	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance (if any) in favour at close of last year	—	34,130 1 9	Balance (if any) against at close of last year	—	—
Money supplied by Contributing Authorities —			Salaries and Wages	209,383 2 7	
County Borough of Dublin	300,423 0 0		Superannuations, etc.	27,420 1 9	
County of Dublin	66,702 0 0		Food, drink and tobacco	106,403 18 8	
County of Wicklow	41,949 0 0		Farm expenses	62,560 8 0	
Paying Patients —			Materials for washing or cleansing	2,850 28 11	
County Borough of Dublin	27,322 19 5		Medicines	9,292 14 6	
County of Dublin	7,038 0 2		Heating, lighting and water supplies	63,745 2 4	
County of Wicklow	2,560 2 5		Clothing and bedding	33,494 10 0	
Criminal Lunatics —			Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	10,862 3 11	
State Funds	3,796 4 11		Medical and surgical appliances	3,594 3 1	
Private Sources	2,569 18 5		Structural alterations, repairs and upkeep of institutions	13,298 17 1	
Non-District Patients	2,560 10 7		Stationery, printing and advertising	2,424 4 10	
Sale of ferns and garden produce	12,553 4 5		Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	4,493 10 4	
Sale of offal and old stores	191 19 11		Re-afforestation of Portmagee	412 9 7	
Interest allowed by Treasurer	773 11 0		Telephones, newspapers, stamp duties, law costs and other miscellaneous expenses	7,256 15 11	
Miscellaneous Receipts	509 6 2		Loan Charge	12,971 2 2	
Contributions from Salaries and Wages under Superannuation Acts	8,334 8 9				564,778 14 9
Deductions from Salaries and Wages	3,033 11 7	335,199 3 10			564,778 14 9
		587,329 5 7			2,550 10 10
TOTAL		587,329 5 7	TOTAL		587,329 5 7
Balance (if any) AGAINST at close of year		—	Balance (if any) IN FAVOUR at close of year		—
		587,329 5 7			587,329 5 7

# SUMMARY AND APPORTIONMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Name of Contributing Authority	Balance in favour at close of last year	Money Supplied	CHARGE				Balance unpaid at close of year	Total	DISCHARGE		
			Receipts			Expenditure			Balance in favour at close of year		
			Criminal Lunatics	Pauper Patients	Other Receipts						
County Borough of Dublin	£ s. d. 60,150 18 2	£ s. d. 336,422 0 0	£ s. d. 3,560 7 8	£ s. d. 27,292 19 5	£ s. d. 23,890 8 7	£ s. d. 555 12 10	£ s. d. 448,873 1 9	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 448,873 1 9	£ s. d. —	
County Dublin	£ s. d. 2,304 5 0	£ s. d. 66,707 0 0	£ s. d. 1,037 10 0	£ s. d. 7,664 6 2	£ s. d. 4,174 7 4	—	£ s. d. 87,536 12 1	—	£ s. d. 87,536 12 1	£ s. d. 2,307 12 0	
County Wicklow	£ s. d. 3,672 0 1	£ s. d. 61,848 0 0	£ s. d. 477 18 7	£ s. d. 2,560 2 3	£ s. d. 2,291 2 4	£ s. d. 622 0 4	£ s. d. 64,864 11 11	—	£ s. d. 64,864 11 11	—	
	£ s. d. 66,126 1 9	£ s. d. 464,977 0 0	£ s. d. 7,274 2 4	£ s. d. 36,987 2 0	£ s. d. 29,816 16 4	£ s. d. 1,187 2 2	£ s. d. 448,716 7 3	—	£ s. d. 448,716 7 3	£ s. d. 2,307 12 0	

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL MONIES.

Original Amount furnished	Purpose for which (stated)	CHARGE						Total	DISCHARGE		
		Balance (if any) unexpended at close of last year	Installments received	Grants	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of this year		Balance (if any) expended in excess at close of last year	Expenditure	Balance (if any) unexpended at close of this year
£ s. d. 2,200 0 0	Of Beneficial Funds, etc.	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 3,500 0 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 227 6 11	£ s. d. 3,627 6 11	£ s. d. 11 15 10	£ s. d. 2,629 2 3	£ s. d. 3,500 0 0	£ s. d. 170 1 9	£ s. d. —
—	Compensation for loss of County Court	£ s. d. 1,568 14 6	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 1,568 14 6	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —
11,500 0 0	T.R. Parsons	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 1,000 0 0	£ s. d. 1,000 0 0	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. 2,000 0 0	£ s. d. 1,567 1 2	£ s. d. 3,567 1 2	£ s. d. 1,567 1 2	£ s. d. 2,000 0 0	£ s. d. 1,568 14 6
12,000 0 0	De-windmill Landry & Baker House, Farm Improvement, etc.	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —	£ s. d. —
		£ s. d. 1,568 14 6	£ s. d. 4,500 0 0	£ s. d. 1,000 0 0	£ s. d. 227 6 11	£ s. d. 6,327 6 11	£ s. d. 11,642 19 1	£ s. d. 19,229 0 6	£ s. d. 12,068 2 4	£ s. d. 2,260 2 2	£ s. d. 1,568 14 6

## STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

De.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Treasurer, due by him :—				By Treasurer, due to him :—			
Ordinary Account .. .. .	18	369	9	Ordinary Account .. .. .			
Loans Expenditure Account .. .. .				Loans Expenditure Account .. .. .	10	974	4
Patients' Private Property Account .. .. .	641	1	2				
To Chief Clerk, due by him :—				By Loans Receipt and Expenditure :—			
Patients' Private Property Account .. .. .	28	12	11	Unexpended Balances .. .. .	1	568	14
1800 Dublin Corporation Stock 4½% at end. 1804 .. .. .	235	14	4	Temporary advance from Revenue .. .. .	10	900	0
1804 .. .. .	754	2	0				
To Agricultural Manager, due by him :—				By Patients' Private Property Account :—			
Live Stock Purchase Account .. .. .	800	0	0	Due to Patients .. .. .	1	800	14
To Loans Receipt and Expenditure :—				By Unpaid bills :—			
Expenditure in excess of Loans .. .. .	11	643	18	Ordinary Account .. .. .	41	608	18
Temporary advance from Revenue .. .. .	10	000	0	Loans Account .. .. .			
To Accountant, due by him :—				By Hospital Fund, balance in favour of :—			
Gaugemen's Wages Account .. .. .	1	000	0	County Borough of Dublin .. .. .			
Portmen's Wages Account .. .. .	1	000	0	County of Dublin .. .. .	1	817	13
Gaugemen's Petty Cash .. .. .	100	0	0	County of Wicklow .. .. .			
Portmen's Petty Cash .. .. .	100	0	0				
To Hospital Fund, balance against :—							
County Borough of Dublin .. .. .	535	12	10				
County of Dublin .. .. .							
County of Wicklow .. .. .	621	8	4				
	478	901	4		478	901	4

TABLE (A)—STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 31st MARCH, 1931.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
Balances to credit:—				Balance due to Treasurer on Revenue Account			
Revenue Account	..	..	43,360 0 0	Unpaid bills due by Board:—			
Liver Stock Purchase Account	..	..	600 0 0	Salaries and Wages	..	..	8,928 18 9
Housekeeping Wages Account	..	..	1,000 0 0	Superannuations	..	..	112 7 9
Portman's Wages Account	..	..	2,000 0 0	Food, drink and tobacco	..	..	8,478 2 2
Housekeeping Petty Cash	..	..	100 0 0	Farm Expenses	..	..	2,886 1 6
Portman's Petty Cash	..	..	100 0 0	Materials for Washing or Dressing	..	..	798 11 7
				Medicines	..	..	5,768 2 2
Balances due for Indebtedness:—				Heating, Lighting and Water Supplies	..	..	15,968 5 0
Official Expenses 1896-97	..	..	4,372 7 2	Clothing and Laundry	..	..	1,667 8 10
Service Expenses	..	..	6,548 10 0	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	..	..	1,045 18 2
Sanitary Flying Patients (approx.)	..	..	10,000 0 0	Medical and Surgical Appliances	..	..	1,638 15 7
				Structural Alterations, Repairs and Upkeep of			
Balances due for General Allowances				Installations	..	..	1,612 14 8
	..	..	642 5 4	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	..	..	457 2 2
				Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	..	..	0 0 0
Balances due by Contributing Authorities:—				Re-amenation of Portman	..	..	594 19 1
Corporation of Dublin	..	..	—	Telephones, Newspapers, Stamp Duties, Law			
Co. Council of Dublin	..	..	—	Cases and other Miscellaneous Expenses	..	..	1,250 0 0
Co. Council of Wicklow	..	..	—	Loss Charges	..	..	—
				55,002 18 2			
Deposits with:—				Other Indebtedness:—			
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	..	..	41 10 0	General Allowances, unissued	..	..	200 0 0
Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund	..	..	250 0 0	Salaries and Wages (approx.)	..	..	1,500 0 0
				1,800 0 0			
TOTAL CASH ASSETS				TOTAL LIABILITIES			
£17,957 0 0				£17,957 0 0			

TABLE B.—STATEMENT OF CAPITAL DEBT OTHER THAN STOCK FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st MARCH, 1951.

GENERAL PARTICULARS AS TO LOANS

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS ON FOOT OF LOANS

Original Amount Sanctioned	Amount Borrowed	Date Sanctioned	From Whom Borrowed	For What Period	Rate of Interest	Mode of Repayment whether by Annuity or otherwise	Purpose for which obtained	Balance due at close of last Year	Installments Received during Year	Interest Accrued during period	Total both sides of Account	Instalment of Interest and Principal repaid during period	Balance Due at close of this period	Loans A/c. folio	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.							£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
3,600 0 0	1,586 1 5	27th July, 1928	Commissioners of Public Works.	{ 25 years	5½%	BY EQUAL HALF-YEARLY INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL.	GRANOROUGH RUSTAL HOSPITAL.								31
2,770 0 0	2,770 0 0	25th May, 1929					Cold Storage Room and Sanitation Room ..	257 12 5	—	13 18 7	271 12 10	70 11 7	180 2 5	82	
							Erection of 100 Beds for Tubercular Patients ..	402 12 0	—	25 7 2	402 12 0	120 2 2	237 10 0	32	
43,734 0 0	43,734 0 0	21st Sept., 1927	Commissioners of Public Works. Minister & Leinster Bank, Ltd.	25 "	5½%		Nurses' Home, Grangegorman ..	20,819 0 0	—	1,482 2 10	21,091 10 4	2,706 10 0	28,297 14 4	64	
10,800 0 0	10,800 0 0	21st Oct., 1929		15 "	—		New Laundry and Dress Station, Grangegorman ..	8,000 12 1	—	240 10 3	8,420 4 1	1,509 10 3	7,446 12 4	87	
6,000 0 0	6,000 0 0	8th Nov., 1929		15 "	—		Slating and Roofing, Grangegorman ..	1,800 0 0	—	95 0 0	1,965 0 0	465 0 0	1,400 0 0	85	
6,700 0 0	6,700 0 0	1st March, 1941		15 "	—		Completion of Electricity and Central Power Station ..	1,000 0 0	—	182 2 4	1,872 2 4	629 16 2	4,243 6 2	86	
11,500 0 0	11,500 0 0	20th Nov., 1947	Commissioners of Public Works.	20 "	—		T. B. Pavilion ..	9,850 0 0	1,000 0 0	325 2 0	11,175 2 0	711 10 2	10,464 12 4	97	
							PORTLAND RUSTAL HOSPITAL.								62
10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	30th June, 1926	Commissioners of Public Works.	{ 25 "	5½%		Re-slating (Port ..	840 0 0	—	42 11 0	882 11 0	142 11 0	440 0 0	50	
12,250 0 0	11,300 0 0	21st March, 1927					Re-slating, High Water Tank and Drainage ..	1,770 0 0	—	95 2 7	1,865 2 7	255 2 7	1,210 0 0	39	
4,250 0 0	4,250 0 0	22nd Oct., 1929					Erection of Farm House at Ballinacorney Farm ..	805 10 0	—	40 16 10	846 16 10	217 10 10	629 16 10	34	
10,500 0 0	10,432 0 0	2nd Feb., 1932					Additional Accommodation for Staff ..	3,165 0 0	—	282 14 3	3,447 14 3	590 10 1	4,267 4 11	29	
10,000 0 0	10,000 0 0	8th Feb., 1932					Purchase of land, etc. ..	2,902 12 0	—	153 10 0	3,055 12 0	578 16 3	2,476 15 7	61	
2,880 0 0	2,887 0 0	5th June, 1932					Erection of 4 beds ..	1,379 15 2	—	62 18 2	1,442 13 4	201 2 2	1,241 10 2	62	
							GRANOROUGH AND PORTLAND.								63
22,150 0 0	22,150 0 0	20th Feb., 1930	Commissioners of Public Works.	20 "	4½%		Houses for A.R.P. and Farm Manager, Turvey Farm, etc. ..	2,780 0 0	—	421 0 0	10,242 0 0	1,240 0 0	8,990 0 0	63	
17,104 0 0	18,172 0 0	20th Sept., 1928	Commissioners of Public Works. Minister & Leinster Bank, Ltd.	20 "	5½%		Balance of cold storage room, Grangegorman, and cost of various Nurses' Home, Portlough Farm improvement house and laundry works, Grangegorman ..	12,061 2 0	—	672 12 8	12,734 10 8	1,392 16 2	12,342 2 0	85	
5,200 0 0	5,000 0 0	2nd Sept., 1940		15 "	—		Grangegorman ..	1,622 8 8	—	70 0 0	1,900 8 8	495 0 0	1,400 0 0	89	
6,200 0 0	6,000 0 0	14th Nov., 1948	Commissioners of Public Works.	10 "	3½%		Oil Burning Plant, etc. ..	4,250 0 0	2,300 0 0	218 12 4	5,768 12 4	1,048 12 4	4,720 0 0	98	
								at close 12 11	4,300 0 0	1,201 18 8	107,401 12 2	12,071 2 2	94,430 10 2		



TABLE (C)—RETURN OF HOSPITAL INSURANCES

Name of all buildings belonging to the Joint Committee standing separately whether insured or not	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE			Amount of Annual Premium	Name of Office in which the Insurance is effected	In whose Custody Policy is	Period covered by Premium paid during year
	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and other Goods	Total				
<b>GRANDFATHER FIRE INSURANCE.</b> High hospital, female hospital, Grandparents' Avenue, North Dakota Union Avenue, temporary (wooden) buildings, shops, gas engine, machinery, worksheds, laundry, boiler house, bakery, steamship's engine, farm buildings, new nurses' home and all other buildings insured with the Mutual Hospital. The contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, goods in store, live stock, recreation hall, cinema plant, and show A.M.O.'s house with garage, Fish Chamber Rd.	1,442,129	302,204	1,665,420				
<b>FIRETRANE FIRE INSURANCE.</b> Main hospital, temporary (wooden) buildings, nurse home, Agricultural Manager's house, stockkeeper's house, schoolmaster and attendants' cottages, consumptive sanatoria, isolation hospital and laundry, hotel's house, farm buildings and all other buildings and out-offices connected with the Mutual Hospital; the contents thereof, including boilers, electrical and other machinery, milking plant, and including goods in store and live stock and agricultural produce; farm buildings and Old Heef's house at Turkey Avenue, Windage water meter house, Broadmeadow pumping station, Livershall pumping station and plant; houses Nos. 65-67 and A.M.O.'s house and Heef's house, Fortrose estate, extension to Nurses' home and outbuildings	305,337	187,783	1,693,120	1,000 £ 0	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.		Mar. 27, 1903.
<b>Sentry Court Buildings</b>	25,000	—	25,000			Chief Clerk	
	1,794,165	490,085	2,284,250	1,200 £ 0			
Cash in Transit ..				12 £ 0			Oct. 27, 1902.
Cinematograph films in stock and transit ..				4 10 0			Mar. 25, 1903.
Motor tractors, Fortrose ..				17 10 0			Feb. 26, 1903.
Vaughan towing car, Fortrose ..				5 15 0			Mar. 25, 1903.
Food truck towing car, Grandparents' ..				3 15 0			Mar. 25, 1903.
Fidelity Guarantee Insurance ..				27 £ 0			Jan. 25, 1903.
<b>BOILER AND ENGINEERING INSURANCE.</b> GRANDFATHER: All building, domestic and steam boilers, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machinery, motors, electric, wireless, telephones, refrigerators plant and accessories.			22,500 £ 0				
Electricity, nurses' home, including 3rd party risks			15,721	600 £ 0	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.		Mar. 22, 1903.
FIRETRANE: All steam boilers, combined engine and dynamo, steam cooking apparatus, electrical machinery, motors, electric, wireless, telephones, refrigerators and accessories			55,721				
			658,726				

# AVERAGE COSTS.

Nature of Expenditure	COST DURING YEAR.			AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT.		
	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total	Grangegorman	Portrane	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Food, Drink and Tobacco	91,260 17 1	61,117 4 5	152,384 1 10	2 6-17	2 2-19	2 4-44
Materials for washing or cleansing	1,291 16 11	975 16 8	2,267 13 7	0-46	-42	-44
Medicines	4,945 5 9	1,858 7 9	6,813 14 6	1-63	-80	1-27
Heating, Lighting and Water Supply	24,849 0 2	27,336 13 4	52,176 15 6	8-21	11-71	9-73
Clothing and Bedding	18,374 3 3	14,830 6 7	33,404 10 0	6-14	6-36	6-23
Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	7,261 7 1	3,609 18 10	10,862 5 11	2-40	1-54	2-03
Medical and Surgical Appliances	2,029 2 3	834 19 4	3,894 3 1	1-01	-36	-73
MAINTENANCE COST	151,338 14 10	110,564 9 7	261,903 4 3	4 2-02	3 11-38	4 0-87
ESTABLISHMENT COST	164,324 11 0	112,469 0 1	276,793 11 1	4 0-32	4 0-19	4 3-65
LOAN COST	7,987 10 11	4,983 11 2	12,971 2 2	2-64	2-14	2-42
TOTAL COST	323,650 16 9	228,017 0 11	551,667 17 8	8 10-38	8 1-71	8 6-94

Daily average number of patients resident:—

Grangegorman	1,989
Portrane	1,335
Total	3,324

TABLE

Showing the Daily Average number of Patients resident in the Mental Hospital from each County each Year since 1931-32.

Year	SOURCES OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT				Criminal Lunatics	Non-District Patients	Total
	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	County Louth			
1931-32	2,574	444	510	334	75	—	3,728
1932-33	2,601	461	513	341	77	—	3,793
1933-34	2,682	474	522	349	79	—	3,907
1934-35	2,718	487	517	1	75	—	3,898
1935-36	2,713	492	526	—	72	—	3,808
1936-37	2,726	494	531	—	71	—	3,823
1937-38	2,700	503	525	—	71	—	3,597
1938-39	2,737	518	524	—	69	3	3,651
1939-40	2,728	520	514	—	70	10	3,643
1940-41	2,740	516	513	—	66	4	3,659
1941-42	2,765	504	506	—	66	7	3,588
1942-43	2,584	474	554	—	62	6	3,410
1943-44	2,561	452	580	—	56	2	3,290
1944-45	2,507	450	572	—	57	4	3,290
1945-46	2,521	456	579	—	55	8	3,321
1946-47	2,527	477	581	—	53	14	3,553
1947-48	2,459	469	587	—	55	33	3,293
1948-49	2,524	475	591	—	54	22	3,386
1949-50	2,577	493	590	—	50	15	3,441
1950-51	2,641	493	532	—	49	19	3,524

### BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES

Extract from Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

#### Section 43 (4).—

"Where a mental hospital district consists of a county borough and one or more administrative counties, the sum required to defray the expenses incurred by the mental hospital authority for the district during every year ending on the 31st day of March shall be supplied by the corporation of such borough and the council of such county, or the councils of such counties severally in proportion to the net cost of maintenance, determined by the prescribed method, of the chargeable patients from their respective functional areas maintained by the mental hospital authority during the year, and the proportionate part of that sum of such council of a county or of each such council of a county shall be raised by means of the poor rate equally over the whole of the county."

The net cost of maintenance of the chargeable patients is determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

On the basis of the daily average numbers shown above, the expenditure and receipts, other than for maintenance of patients from contributing areas, are apportioned in the following ratio:—

City of Dublin	...	76.418 per cent.
County of Dublin	...	14.265 "
County of Wicklow	...	9.317 "

**CERTIFICATE BY SECRETARY OR CLERK OF CORRECTNESS OF ABSTRACT.**

I certify that the foregoing figures are correctly abstracted from the books and accounts of the Grangeorman  
District Mental Hospital.

Dated this                      day of                      19

.....  
*Chief Clerk.*

**CERTIFICATE BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR OF CORRECTNESS OF  
ABSTRACT.**

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.**

I have audited the books and accounts of the Grangeorman District Mental Hospital for the year  
ended the                      day of                      19 . and I hereby certify  
the foregoing to be a true abstract therefrom.

Dated this                      day of                      19 .

.....  
*Local Government Auditor.*

GRANITE CONCRETE DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL

THE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS BY FACTOR COMPANY

TO CHIEF CLERK

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## Report No. 163.

20th November, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

### BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 20th day of November, 1952, Councillor C. M. Byrne (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives*.—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Senator Michael J. Colgan, William J. Colman, P.C.; Bernard Conway, Gilbert Hughes, Richard C. Keane, Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Mrs. O'Shea-Leamy, P.C.; Messrs. William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, Richard Lawless, John Smithers, Denis Finn, B.L., and Mrs. Essie O'Byrne.

*County Dublin Representatives*.—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Taggart and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives*.—Councillors William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and P. P. O'Reilly.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) and Mrs. C. Keeble.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 160 of the 16th October, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 15th October to 19th November, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

On Hospital Register on 15th October, 1952	Males	Females	Total
...	1670	2016	3686
Admitted to 19th November, 1952	56	45	101
	1726	2061	3787
Discharged to	Males	Females	Total
19th Nov., 1952	45	40	85
Died to do.	6	11	17
Escaped to do.	—	—	—
	51	51	102
Remaining on Hospital Register on 19th November, 1952	1675	2010	3685
Absent on trial and escape on 19th November, 1952	20	19	39
Number actually resident on 19th November, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book	1655	1991	3646

#### DISTRIBUTION.

Number of Patients in Grangeor-man Mental Hospital	804	1264	2068
Number of Patients in Portrane Mental Hospital	851	727	1578
Total number resident as above	1655	1991	3646

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2714
County of Dublin	...	...	538
County Wicklow	...	...	334
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	49
Non-district patients	...	...	16
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		Total	...
			3646
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## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded the adoption of Report No. 161 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 23rd October, 1952.

*Passed unanimously.*

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

6th November, 1952.

1. We visited Grangegorman Mental Hospital on Thursday, 6th November, and under the guidance of the Matron, Miss Sharkey, to whom we return thanks, carried out an inspection.

In the morning we visited the Female side of the Hospital and went through many wards.

As the day was very damp and rain falling at intervals, all the patients were indoors, but most of them seemed happy and contented.



2. In the Women's Therapy Section we saw embroidery, knitting and weaving, all of a high standard. The new room, which was opened recently, was also seen, and work was progressing here—some of the weaving for cushions and scarves was a great achievement. Some patients had made children's toys in felt, and these were strong and well sewn.

3. We inspected one of the kitchens and saw dinner before it was served to the patients. There was stew for some and roast beef for others, also cabbage and potatoes. For those who did extra work there was also cauliflower. To follow, there was well-baked rice pudding.

Later on we saw the women patients at dinner and they all looked so clean and tidy, with well-kept hair, that the effect was most striking.

Most of the patients seemed to enjoy their meal and it seemed to us a very good plan to peel the potatoes for some, while others could do this for themselves.

4. Dormitories were gone through and we found all beds clean and comfortable and everything looking very tidy.

5. In the hospital we spoke to many bed patients and noticed how attentive the nurses were to all of them.

The only complaints we have to make are about painting. No. 11 corridor and dormitory are in need of painting, also Nos. 14 and 17.

A complaint was lodged some time ago about the Protestant Church, but it is still in need of plastering and painting.

6. In the afternoon we went through the Male Hospital with Dr. Aird.

Some of the dormitories are in bad condition. No. 1 Dormitory, which contains 110 beds, seemed stuffy and very badly in need of paint. The windows here do not let in much air.

Nos. 5 and 10 are also in need of repairs and painting.

7. In the Workshops we saw the patients doing excellent work repairing boots and we were asked if two men in the Cobbler's Shop could not be put on an allowance of 10/- a month, as they are doing very good work and would continue to do so with a little encouragement.

8. In the Carpenter's Shop, repairs were being carried out on chairs, etc., and all the men seemed interested and happy.

There was quite a selection of trays, firescreens, baskets, also on view, and picture framing seemed to be popular.

All the patients were in good spirits as they are looking forward to their Hallowe'en Party.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

ESSIE O'BYRNE.

*Order. Consideration deferred to next meeting.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

28th October, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., we first visited the Catholic Chapel.

In the Laundry all our new equipment is proving satisfactory and resulting in better and more economical service. All the patients seemed contented with their work.

2. We spent much time in No. 6 and No. 7 Female Hospital chatting with the patients and we saw lunch served. We noted the cleanliness, and service was of a high standard; the food was good and plentiful.

3. When we were passing through the general kitchen, preparation for the mid-day meal was in progress. The food was good, nicely cooked and plentiful. We proceeded to the main Dining Hall to see dinner being served to the female patients. As usual, many grievances and requests for release, together with numerous letters, were received, which were handed to Dr. O'Sullivan for his attention. The dinner was expeditiously served and appreciated by the patients.

4. After lunch we visited No. 7 Male Hospital. Here again we noted cleanliness and general satisfaction from the patients, many of whom are old and require regular attention.

5. As there had been much discussion about the loud-speaking system, we availed of the opportunity to discuss it with the Chief Engineer. We were informed that numerous consultations have taken place with various firms and tests are to be carried out, the results of which will be reported to the Board and the members will have an opportunity of taking part in the final test before a decision is made.

6. We visited the Engineering Workshops and Yard. There was nothing special to report.

7. We noted at the moment the Institution is suffering from such pests as stray dogs and cats, rats and sea gulls, which are causing much concern. The Chief Engineer has promised to investigate and report as to the best means of exterminating this growing nuisance.

D. LARKIN.  
J. CAHILL.  
D. FINN.  
W. J. COLMAN.

*Orders made thereon:—*

*Para. 1 to 4. Noted.*

*Par. 5. Chief Engineer to report results of tests.*

*Par. 7. The Manager reported that the Veterinary Inspector of the Dublin County Council was sending a man to advise on this problem. Further report to be submitted.*

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REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

23rd April, 1952.

1. Accompanied by Dr. O'Sullivan, Acting R.M.S., we inspected Nos. 6 and 7 Female Hospitals, Nos. 1 and 3 Divisions, and found all clean, tidy, and the patients well looked after. We chatted with many patients. The majority were pleased and satisfied. The same was noted at No. 7 Hospital.

2. The kitchens, where dinner was in the course of preparation, were examined and the varied menu was all that could be most pleasing. We visited the Dining Hall and awaited the serving of both the male and female patients.

There was a plentiful supply to meet the needs of all. It was most pleasing to note the manner in which it was handled.

3. In the afternoon we toured the Stores and Workshops, and noticed a fair lay-in of emergency stocks of essential goods. The Laundry, as usual, was up to standard. The Therapy Workrooms were giving the usual good service and we noticed many new features. The patients were pleased at the interest we had taken in the work, which was of an exceptionally good standard and reflects credit on their instructor.

W. CHASE.

C. M. BYRNE.

T. P. O'REILLY, P.C.

*Order. Noted.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 18th December, 1952, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGORMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. James Andrews.

.. Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

##### PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

.. Richard Keane.

.. William Lawless.

Mr. William Chase.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

14th November, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 11th instant was:—

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
In Grangegorman	...	799	1251	2050
In Portrane	...	852	730	1582
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TOTAL	...	1651	1981	3632

as compared with:—

11th October, 1951	...	1583	1938	3521
11th October, 1950	...	1606	1961	3567
11th October, 1949	...	1547	1911	3458
11th October, 1948	...	1530	1843	3373

this year's number being 111 more than on the corresponding date last year and 259 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals and the health of the patients are reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory.

There were two cases of diphtheria in the Female House at Grangegorman. Both patients have been isolated and they are progressing satisfactorily.

3. On the 1st instant male patient P. C. (4335), Portrane, was allowed to go to Dublin on pass in charge of a male nurse. When returning to the Hospital he eluded the nurse at Malahide. He was apprehended later that evening by two male nurses at a house in Dublin and escorted back to

Grangegorman. The Acting Branch R.M.S. does not consider that any blame could be attached to the nurse in charge of the patient, whose escape has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

4. No serious accidents to patients at Grangegorman or Portrane were reported during last month:—

5. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, GRANGEGORMAN.

Nurse C. G. was struck on the left eye by a patient on the 2nd instant and has been off duty since that date.

T. McP., Carpenter, injured the index finger of his right hand when operating a planing machine on the 29th ultimo and has been off duty since that date.

A number of other minor accidents to members of the nursing staff are reported, which did not necessitate their going off duty.

6. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, PORTRANE.

On the 8th ultimo Attendant P. D. was knocked down and had her hair pulled by a refractory patient. She was off duty as a result for three days.

On the 16th ultimo Attendant D. N. cut her finger on the meat-cutting machine in the General Kitchen. She received treatment from one of the medical officers and was off duty for twelve days.

T. L., Nightman, was absent from 21st to 27th October, inclusive, following an injury to his eye when he received a blow from a branch of a tree.

On the 23rd ultimo J. D., Sewerman, cut his right hand. He was off duty on the 29th and 30th ultimo.

On the 4th instant J. D., Labourer, sustained a severe injury to the second finger of his right hand when assisting the fitter. He received medical treatment and has been off duty since that date.

A number of other minor accidents to members of the nursing staff were reported which did not necessitate their going off duty.

7. Dr. D. J. O'Sullivan, Acting Branch R.M.S., Portrane, will be absent on annual leave from the 29th November to the 16th December, inclusive. Dr. D. J. Hegarty will act as Branch R.M.S. during his absence.

8. With reference to the Report of Inspection carried out at Portrane on the 14th October by Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Mrs. E. O'Byrne and Mr. T. P. O'Reilly:—

*Item (ii)* I agree that a separate Recreation Room should be provided for the senior nurses, but it is difficult to find accommodation for them. I have requested the Acting Branch R.M.S. to discuss this matter with the Chief Engineer to see whether some solution could be found to the difficulty of accommodation.

*Item (vii)* A new Radio will be provided in the Recreation Room.

9. A very enjoyable concert was performed for the patients in Portrane on the 25th ultimo by the C.I.E. Dramatic Group. The Marymount Players also have offered to give a concert and the Acting Branch R.M.S. has arranged with them to hold it on the 14th November. I have authorised payment out of the Canteen Account of the



reasonable expenses involved in these entertainments, which are of the greatest benefit to the patients.

10. Some months ago I reported an accident to a patient who was working at a bread-cutting machine in the Female House at Grangegorman, and I directed that enquiries should be made with a view to obtaining more effective guards for such machines. The Clerk of Works has obtained and fitted a suitable guard to one of the machines at a cost of £3 10s. 6d., and I have authorised the purchase of three more guards for the remaining machines at the same price.

11. Four members of the male nursing staff at Portrane have offered to organise a dance band for the entertainment of the patients and, on the recommendation of the Branch R.M.S., I have authorised the purchase of instruments at an estimated cost of £130. When the band is organised it will be possible to arrange dances for the patients every fortnight. At present they are held about three times a year only.

12. Tenders were recently invited for the supply of 10-gallon steam jacketted boiling pans to Grangegorman and, on the recommendation of the Clerk of Works, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. A. H. Masser Ltd. for two pans at £64 each. One of the pans will be installed in the Female General Kitchen and the other in No. 22 Division Kitchen. This is part of the equipment to be purchased out of the loan of £4,000 to which I refer in a later paragraph.

13. Progress on the work of constructing the new Male Visiting Hall at Grangegorman is satisfactory. Half of the new concrete roof to the Entrance Hall has been erected; all concrete sub-floors have been laid; plastering work is in

hands and the electrical and heating contractors have started.

On the recommendation of the Architect, I have placed the order for joinery work with Messrs. Lind, 20 Island Street, whose tender of £334 5s. 5d. was the lowest of three received.

I have authorised the Clerk of Works to hire a motor lorry and driver at 12/- an hour for removing rubbish from the site. Any rubble which is useful for building work will be drawn away free of charge.

14. The Board's Architect has submitted a sketch plan of the six new staff houses which it is proposed to build at the "Red Square," Portrane. A number of copies will be available for inspection at the meeting.

15. Further to Paragraph 24 of my Report of the 16th October, tenders for the supply of 800 tons of steam coal were invited again by public advertisement on the 5th inst. and will be due for consideration on the 20th. In the meantime, I have authorised the purchase of sample loads of second grade steam coal, which are being tested by the Clerk of Works and Chief Engineer.

I have also authorised the purchase from the Dublin Gas Company of 200 tons of coke for Grangegorman at £7 10s. per ton for large coke and £7 per ton for Domestic Aleo.

16. Tenders were recently invited by public advertisement for the supply of 200 barrels of oats and 150 tons of dried sugar pulp and, on the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager, I have accepted the lowest received, viz., Bally-

ragget Co-Op. Creamery at 37/5d. per barrel and 20 tons of dried sugar pulp at £19 10s. per ton.

17. The report of Mr. J. E. Curran, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Board's accounts for the financial year ended on the 31st March, 1951, has been received from the Department of Local Government. A copy of the Auditor's Report and of the Abstract of Accounts is being circulated to members of the Board. The Accounts for that year were dealt with in Paragraph 20 of my Report to the meeting of the Board on the 16th August, 1951, and copies of Report No. 128, showing particulars of the Expenditure and Receipts for the year, were circulated at that time.

18. The following is a copy of a Report submitted to me by the Accountant on the 23rd ultimo:—

#### HEALTH SERVICES GRANT.

The Local Government Auditor has completed the audit of the Health Services Grant returns for the Standard Year 1947-48 and for the years 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51. He has disallowed a number of items on the ground that they are of a capital nature and do not rank for the purposes of the Grant.

Circular No. 59/48, dated 31st August, 1948, from the Department of Health advised that services provided under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945 (except maintenance of burial grounds and expenses of burials), had been declared by the Minister to be recognised Health Services and that the ordinary revenue expenditure under the Act which normally recurs every year would be certified by the Minister for the purposes of the grant.

The Circular set out the classes of expenditure which were deemed to be of a capital nature and would be excluded from the scope of the grant, including the following:—

Provision of new or additional buildings.

Enlargement and alterations of existing buildings.

Repairs and upkeep in excess of that necessary to maintain the asset in a reasonably good condition.

Replacement of, or provision of additional furniture, equipment, etc.

The Circular stated that where difficulty might be experienced in deciding whether the expenditure on a particular item was of a revenue or capital nature, if the amount involved were over £400, it would be deemed to be capital expenditure.

In preparing the Health Services Grant returns, I deducted only those items which were clearly excluded by the terms of the Circular. When certifying the returns the Local Government Auditor disallowed new and additional items and reduced the net expenses, shown on the returns which I prepared, by the amounts set out below. It is very difficult in a Hospital of this size to determine whether or not certain items of expenditure should be classified as of a capital nature. On the whole, the final results appear to be consistent with the instructions contained in the Circular.

The following are the further net amounts disallowed by the Auditor and the final figures of Net Expenses which he certified:—

Year	Further net amounts disallowed
1947-48	... £721 16s. 2d.
1948-49	... £6,585 16s. 10d.
1949-50	... £5,409 7s. 6d.
1950-51	... £5,090 18s. 3d.

## Net Expenses certified:—

Year	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	Total
1947-48	333,587 13 8	62,629 16 0	39,241 19 9	435,457 9 5
1948-49	334,247 17 4	62,175 2 0	39,266 12 8	435,689 12 0
1949-50	322,415 0 0	60,181 0 0	38,669 0 0	421,265 0 0
1950-51	372,164 0 0	73,798 0 0	42,597 0 0	488,559 0 0

K. KEANE,

Accountant.

A copy of this Report has been furnished to each of the Board's Contributing Authorities.

19. On 10th January last the Board approved of the borrowing of £17,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the following:—

(i) Over expenditure on loan for T.B. Pavilions at Grangegorman	...	£1,868
(ii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part I)	... ..	£2,626
(iii) Laundry Machinery, Portrane (Part II)	... ..	£6,212
(iv) New Bakery and Kitchen Equipment, Grangegorman	... ..	£4,350
Provision for increased prices, contingencies, etc.	... ..	£1,944
		<u>£17,000</u>

In May last the approval of the Minister for Local Government was obtained to the borrowing of £13,000 for the purposes set out at (i) to (iii) above and the Deed of Mortgage was completed at the Board meeting on 19th June.

I have now received the Minister's approval to the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of the balance of £4,000 to met the cost of Item (iv)—New Bakery and Kitchen Equipment at Grangegorman. The loan will be repayable on the instalment system, within a period of ten years, with interest at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935. If the Deed of Mortgage is ready in time, it will be submitted for completion at the meeting on 20th instant.

20. The Clerk of Works, Grangegorman, and the Chief Engineer, Portrane, have submitted draft lists of works for inclusion in the Estimates for 1953/54. It is assumed that these lists will be examined by the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees, as was done in previous years. It would be of the greatest assistance in preparing the General Estimates if the Committees would meet to examine the lists of works early next week.

21. I have been informed that the Minister for Health is unable to consent to the sale of the plot of land at Santry Court to the Clonliffe Hairriers at the price proposed by the Board, viz., £300. The Minister has been advised that the market value of the plot in question, containing 4 acres, 3 roods and 10 perches, or thereabouts, is approximately £6,000.

I have been asked by the Dublin County Council if the Board would be prepared to sell a plot of ground comprising 1 rood, 12.8 perches at Santry Court for the purpose of road improvement. The plot which the Council requires is a narrow strip encroaching slightly on the larger plot which it was proposed to sell to the Clonliffe Harriers. The Council ask whether the Board would be willing to accept payment at the rate of £80 per acre. At this rate the price of the smaller plot would be £26 8s. 0d.; on the basis of the Valuation Commissioner's assessment it is worth £411.

22. The Minister's approval has been obtained to the appointment of the Rev. Stephen Marley, P.P., as Catholic Chaplain to Portrane.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Manager.*

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#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

20th November, 1952.

23. Since 13th ultimo 54 male and 43 female patients were admitted, total 97. Ninety of these were chargeable patients, of whom 47 were temporary, 30 were Voluntary and 13 were Persons of Unsound Mind. Three private patients were admitted, of whom two were temporary and one was voluntary, and four special treatment cases were admitted under Section 208 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

24. The consent of the Minister for Health has been obtained to the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic in the dispensary at Swords, County Dublin. The Clinics will

be held every Monday at 3.30 p.m. and will commence at an early date.

25. In March last I contracted with Carton Bros. for the supply of selected hen eggs to Grangegorman during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September at the price of 30/10d. per 120. Carton Bros.' tender was subject to the condition that if there were any alteration in the export price of eggs the contract price would be adjusted accordingly.

The contractors have claimed an increase of 7/6d. per 120 for eggs supplied on and after the 1st August, 1952. I have confirmed that, at the date when the contract was made, the export price of selected eggs was 32/2½d. per 120 and that it was increased to 39/8½d. per 120 as and from the 5th August. Accordingly, I have granted an increase of 7/6d. per 120 for all eggs delivered to Grangegorman during the period from the 5th August to the 30th September inclusive.

26. In February last I informed the Board that Mr. J. A. Kenny, Consulting Engineer, had submitted a preliminary report on the steam and electrical plant at Portrane. With this report Mr. Kenny submitted an outline schedule and specification for new boilers, which he estimated would cost from £35,000 to £38,000, and he recommended that tenders for the boilers should be invited pending submission of his full report, in view of the fact that this type of plant is available only on extended delivery. Mr. Kenny's report and specification were submitted to the Department of Health, who have now informed me that the Minister is not prepared to approve the invitation of tenders before the Consulting



Engineer's full report is submitted. Mr. Kenny has promised that this report will be ready within two weeks.

JOHN P. KEANE,  
*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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*Orders made thereon:—*

*Par. 9.* Chief Clerk to convey the best thanks of the Board to the C.I.E. Dramatic Society.

*Par. 14.* Architect's plan approved in principle. Further report to be submitted as to the estimated cost.

*Par. 16.* Referred to Agricultural Committee.

*Par. 21.* Minister to be asked if an indication could be given as to the basis on which the Commissioner of Valuation assessed the value of the land.

*Par. 26.* Noted.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT, 1950-51.

The Report of Mr. J. E. Curran, Local Government Auditor, on his audit of the Board's Accounts for the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1951, and the Abstract of Accounts referred to therein were submitted.

*Order. Noted.*

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E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

C. M. BYRNE,  
*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*

*Report No. 164.**27th November, 1952***Grangegorman Mental Hospital  
Board.**

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A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 27th day of November, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors James Andrews, C. M. Byrne, W. P. Donohoe, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, William Lawless, Messrs. T. P. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

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**REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER.***27th November, 1952*

**1. Purchased Cows and Milk Supplies.**—Since my last report of 23rd October, 1952, thirty-eight tuberculin tested cows were purchased, costing £2,559, an average of £67 6s. 10d. each.

With the purchase of the above milch cows, milk supplies have been fully maintained at Portrane. There has been a daily shortage at Grangegorman, varying from 24 gallons to 84 gallons. At the moment the shortage is 44 gallons.

The total daily production from 236 cows is 465 gallons, or, approximately, two gallons per cow.

2. *Mastitis*.—The improvement in the incidence of this disease has continued during the past month but a small number of acute cases are occurring from time to time. The routine examination of all the dairy herd, both milking and dry, has been completed by the Veterinary Surgeon. All cows showing streps or staffs were treated.

3. *Artificial Insemination*.—Artificial insemination is progressing satisfactorily and cows are calving down normally and are producing very good, healthy calves.

The four stock bulls in use have been examined by a Veterinary Surgeon from Thorndale, and a further test with seven heifers is being carried out at present with Albert Ambassador 13th.

4. *Grass*.—Growth of grass is now practically finished. All heavy cows are housed night and day and a number of the lighter cows are housed at night and put out to pasture during the day.

5. *Crops*.—The general digging and pitting of the potato crop is continuing. Thirty-three acres have been dug during the month—a total of 63 acres dug to date—leaving 32 acres still to dig. The main crop is digging reasonably well and should return a fair average yield.

The lifting of the fodder beet crop is at present in progress and the tops of this crop are being fed to the heavy milking cows. The roots are being stored for use after the tops are consumed.

Twenty-five acres of ground have been mole drained, 20 acres of grass and five acres of stubbles, with our own equipment.

6. *Santry*.—Eleven statute acres of pasture which had deteriorated in quality have been ploughed with a view to spring cleaning and sowing with a grain crop.

Grass is becoming scarce on this farm also.

The present livestock at *Santry* is: 51 dry and in-calf cows, 54 calves and nine two-year-old heifers.

All the calves are now housed at night, also the forward springers.

7. In paragraph 4 of my report of the 25th September, 1952, I submitted figures which represent the average yield per cow in the herd for the years 1949/50, 1950/51 and 1951/52. These figures were obtained by dividing gross milk production by the average number of cows (all categories) in the herd; the average number of cows being arrived at by totalling the number of cows in the herd at the end of each month and dividing this total by 12.

Since then figures have been obtained from the milk record book showing the number of cows which gave a lactation between April 1st and March 31st in each of these three years and the amount of each lactation. From this information, an average lactation has been obtained. The tables set out hereunder are designed to show, in addition to the above, the relative milking potentialities of home-breds and purchased cows and the effect each has on the overall averages. Also, the average home-bred heifer lactation is given for comparison with the average first year lactation of the purchased cow.

In arriving at the average lactation, incomplete lactations were taken into account. A cow has an incomplete lactation if her milking period is interrupted in any way or if she dies or is slaughtered before she becomes dry. A milch cow is generally slaughtered here on account of disease, injury,

infertility, or on account of being considered uneconomic by virtue of being a bad milker. The lactation average is less than the herd average in each year, but it will be noted that the number of cows involved in the former is much greater in 1949/50 and 1951/52 and is slightly less in 1950/51. The number of cows involved in computing average lactations represent the number which gave a lactation, whole or part, over a given period. The number involved in computing the other average represents an average of the actual number in the herd at given points over the same period.

*Re. AVERAGE LACTATIONS, 1949/50.*

*Combined.*

Number of lactations	...	...	344
Average lactation	...	...	495.6 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	34.8 weeks

*Home-breds.*

Number of lactations	...	...	106
Average lactation	...	...	575.2 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	38.1 weeks
Number of heifer lactations	...	...	25
Average of heifer lactations	...	...	363.8 gallons

*Purchased.*

Number of lactations	...	...	298
Average lactation	...	...	460.1 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	33.3 weeks
Number of first year lactations	...	...	137
Average lactation	...	...	405.7 gallons

## NUMBER OF LACTATIONS.

<i>Graded Yields</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Home-breds</i>	<i>Purchased</i>
Over 1,000 gallons	7	4	3
900-1,000 ..	8	4	4
800-900 ..	22	12	10
700-800 ..	31	15	16
600-700 ..	44	14	30
500-600 ..	60	20	40
400-500 ..	50	11	39
300-400 ..	44	10	34
200-300 ..	44	10	34
100-200 ..	22	3	19
Under 100 ..	12	3	9
	<hr/> 344	<hr/> 106	<hr/> 238

*Re.: AVERAGE LACTATIONS, 1950/51.**Combined:*

Number of lactations	...	...	333
Average lactation	...	...	533.8 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	38.3 weeks

*Home-breds:*

Number of lactations	...	...	107
Average lactation	...	...	584.7 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	40.7 weeks
Number of heifer lactations	...	...	57
Average of heifer lactations	...	...	499.2 gallons

*Purchased.*

Number of lactations	...	...	226
Average lactation	...	...	509.7 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	37.2 weeks
Number of first lactations	...	...	149
Average of first lactations	...	...	451.5 gallons
Average for eight Friesians and Friesian crosses	...	...	666.6 gallons

## NUMBER OF LACTATIONS.

<i>Graded Yields</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Home-breds</i>	<i>Purchased</i>
Over 1,000 gallons	6	5	1
900-1,000	14	4	10
800-900	23	8	15
700-800	35	11	24
600-700	58	24	34
500-600	44	17	27
400-500	57	15	42
300-400	40	13	27
200-300	26	4	22
100-200	24	4	20
Under 100	6	2	4
	333	107	226

Re.: AVERAGE LACTATIONS, 1951/52.

*Combined.*

Number of lactations	...	...	390
Average lactation	...	...	484.8 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	36.1 weeks

*Home-breds.*

Number of lactations	...	...	136
Average lactation	...	...	421.4 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	30.3 weeks
Number of heifer lactations	...	...	75
Average of heifer lactations	...	...	300.4 gallons

*Purchased.*

Number of lactations	...	...	254
Average lactation	...	...	518.8 gallons
Average length of lactation	...	...	39.2 weeks
Number of first lactations	...	...	161
Average of first lactations	...	...	503.8 gallons

Average lactation for 39 Friesians and Friesian crosses	...	...	639.3 gallons
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NUMBER OF LACTATIONS.

<i>Graded Yields</i>	<i>Combined</i>	<i>Home-breds</i>	<i>Purchased</i>
Over 1,000 gallons	12	—	12
900-1,000      "	10	2	8
800-900        "	21	10	11
700-800        "	42	14	28
600-700        "	49	14	35
500-600        "	49	15	34
400-500        "	48	13	35
300-400        "	53	15	38
200-300        "	50	19	31
100-200        "	35	19	16
Under 100      "	21	15	6
	<hr/> 390	<hr/> 136	<hr/> 254



## COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THREE YEARS.

*Combined.*

	1949/50	1950/51	1951/52
Number of lactations	344	333	390
Average lactation ...	495.6 gals.	533.8 gals.	484.8 gals.
Average length of lactation ...	34.8 wks.	38.3 wks.	36.1 wks.

*Home-breds.*

Number of lactations	106	107	136
Average lactation ...	575.2 gals.	584.7 gals.	421.4 gals.
Average length of lactation ...	38.1 wks.	40.7 wks.	30.3 wks.
Number of heifer lactations ...	25	57	75
Average of heifer lactations ...	363.8 gals.	499.2 gals.	300.4 gals.

*Purchased.*

Number of lactations	238	226	254
Average lactation ...	460.1 gals.	509.7 gals.	518.8 gals.
Average length of lactation ...	33.3 wks.	37.2 wks.	39.2 wks.
Number of first year lactations ...	137	149	161
Average lactation ...	405.7 gals.	451.5 gals.	503.8 gals.
Average lactation for Frisians & Crosses	—	666.6 gals.	639.3 gals.

## NUMBER OF LACTATIONS.

	<i>Combined</i> 1949/50	<i>Combined</i> 1950/51	<i>Combined</i> 1951/52
Over 1,000 gallons	7	6	12
900-1,000     "	8	14	10
800-900       "	22	23	21
700-800       "	31	35	42
600-700       "	44	58	49
500-600       "	60	44	49
400-500       "	50	57	48
300-400       "	44	40	53
200-300       "	44	26	50
100-200       "	22	24	35
Under 100     "	12	6	21
	<hr/> 344	<hr/> 333	<hr/> 390

From the comparative table it can be seen that the milking quality of the home-breds has deteriorated. This deterioration is due to the poor milking quality of the heifers which came into the herd, a factor which is most evident in 1951/52. In that year 75 heifers entered the herd, and these, with the exception of 4, were the progeny of the bulls purchased from the Albert Agricultural College; their average yield was only 300.4 gallons. Five of the Albert bulls were in use in the herd and these, with the exception of one (Albert Ambassador 18th, which has bred very well—seven of his 15 daughters gave over 600 gallons in 1951/52), produced heifers of a very poor milking standard, the majority of which had to be cast after the first lactation. Unfortunately, a large proportion of the bulling heifers in the herd are progeny of these bulls and will be calving down for the next two years.

It can also be seen that the standard of the purchased cows has improved over the same period. The average first

year lactation increased by 98 gallons from 1949/50 to 1951/52. This increase is attributed to the introduction of Friesians into the herd. Eight Friesians and crosses averaged 686.6 gallons in 1950/51 and 39 averaged 639.3 in 1951/52. Most of these were haifers.

JAMES HAYES,

*Agricultural Manager.*

*Orders made thereon.—*

*Par. 1.* Defer to next meeting.

*Para. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.* Noted.

*Par. 7.* Consideration deferred to next meeting. Report to be circulated.

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## REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER. PORTRANE.

27th November, 1952.

*1. Vegetable Fields.*—Winter crops, including leeks and Autumn onions, are doing well.

*Spring Cabbage.*—During the past month a further two acres have been planted. The total area now under this crop is 10 acres.

*Spring Onions.*—The harvesting and banking of this crop is completed. Total yield, 32 tons. Last year's yield from the same area of ground was 10 tons.

*Tillage.*—Six acres have been ploughed during the past month and, at the moment, I am manuring a further 10 acres in preparation for ploughing.

2. *Kitchen and Reclaimed Gardens.*—Work carried out in these gardens consisted of pitting carrots and beet, planting lettuce, planting flower beds, propagating and general attention to indoor plants. The last of the apple crop has been picked and stored. Total yield, 14 tons. This is four tons more than last year.

#### GRANGEGORMAN.

Since my last report the following work was carried out in this department, viz., planting lettuce, cabbage, flowering plants and bulbs, removing dead leaves from Brussel sprouts, lifting and replanting rhubarb; ploughing two acres of vacant ground and general upkeep of recreation grounds, shrubberies and avenues.

A. WOLOHAN,

*Head Gardener.*

*Order.* Committee note with satisfaction the progress made.

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE FARM.

*1st August, 1952.*

1. We inspected Portrane Farm on 1st August. One of the most interesting features of our inspection was the calves born of artificial insemination. We examined several lots and found them very healthy, and in most cases growth was more advanced than calves born of natural conception at their ages.

2. We were pleased to see a concrete yard being laid down by our own men and we noted our own concrete mixer was in use for this job. Cows appeared to be feeling the effects of the long drought, while the pigs, as usual, were first class. We also inspected last year's potato silage and the 1952 grass silage.

3. The garden showed definite lack of water and we were surprised to learn that our supply for the garden is inadequate. We inspected a very old pump in use at the canal at the bottom of the garden and noted that if some improvements were carried out to the canal and a proper electric pump installed, it would certainly help our water problem during the summer months.

4. We inspected the recreation grounds and noted the fine lawn mower. On enquiry we were informed that this valuable machine is in charge of a patient. We are of the opinion this should not be the practice, and recommend that one of our staff should be appointed to help with the recreation grounds.

5. We thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their help on our inspection.

(Signed): W. LAWLESS.  
C. M. BYRNE.

Order. Noted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS.

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to date of next meeting:—

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

“ William Lawless.

“ W. P. Donohoe.

Mr. John Smithers.

K. KEANE,

Acting Chief Clerk.

DENIS LARKIN,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

FALCONER, DUBLIN.

## Report No. 165.

18th December, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

### BOARD MEETING.

The stated monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 18th day of December, 1952, Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

*City of Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, Bernard Conway, Peadar Cowan, T.D.; Gilbert Hughes, Richard C. Keane, William J. Colman, P.C.; Timothy J. Murray, P.C.; Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C.; Eugene Timmons, P.C.; Messrs. John Cahill, P.C.; William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, John Smithers, Mrs. Essie O'Byrne and Mrs. Cecilia Keeble.

*County Dublin Representatives.*—Councillors James Andrews, Sean Dunne, T.D., and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representatives.*—Councillors C. M. Byrne, William Lawless, Patrick McCarthy and P. P. O'Reilly.

The minutes of last meeting of the Board (Report No. 163 of 20th November, 1952) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital from 19th November to 17th December, 1952, as under, was submitted and signed:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register on 19th November, 1952 ... ..	1675	2010	3685
Admitted to 17th December, 1952	46	47	93
	1721	2057	3778

## Males Females Total

Discharged to			
17th Dec., 1952	39	40	79
Died to do.	9	17	26
Escaped to do.	1	—	1
	49	57	106

Remaining on Hospital Register on 17th December, 1952 ...	1672	2000	3672
Absent on trial and escape on 17th December, 1952 ... ..	19	17	36

Number actually resident on 17th December, 1952, as per Morning Statement Book ... ..	1653	1983	3636
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## DISTRIBUTION.

Number of patients in Grange-gorman Mental Hospital ...	808	1253	2061
Number of patients in Portrane Mental Hospital ... ..	845	730	1575
Total Number resident as above ...	1653	1983	3636

## CHARGEABILITY.

City of Dublin	...	...	2700
County Dublin	...	...	529
County Wicklow	...	...	335
Criminal Lunatics	...	...	49
Non-district patients	...	...	14
TOTAL			3636

## AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor C. M. Byrne proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 164 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 27th November, 1952. Passed unanimously.

## REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

29th May, 1952.

1. We visited Portrane on 29th May, 1952.

The Kitchens were inspected during lunch hour. The food was of excellent quality and well cooked and patients received plentiful helpings.

2. We visited the Women's Therapy Section and saw beautiful handwork. One of the patients complained that when her work was finished and sold the worker got no reward. While realising it would be impossible to remunerate all our patients, we feel that more than one cigarette should be given per day.

3. The work was proceeding as usual in the Laundry and patients were working very hard. We recommend that the laundry helpers should receive at least 20 cigarettes per week.



Our thanks are due to Dr. O'Sullivan for his assistance.

(Signed) D. LARKIN.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

RICHARD C. KEANE.

*Order. Refer to Manager.*

#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

*2nd October, 1952.*

1. We visited Grangegorman on 2nd October, 1952.

We inspected No. 5 Division and while we found the patients very cheerful and comfortable, we strongly recommend the repainting and decorating of this section of the Hospital. Also, we recommend that some of the trees opposite the windows of Nos. 5 and 10 should be felled, as these rooms could certainly do with more sunshine.

2. We inspected the Male Attendants' Mess, and we are of the opinion that this requires painting and brightening up generally.

3. The Male Patients' Kitchen and Dining Room were also inspected and we found the food excellent and well cooked.

4. The patients are doing splendid work in the Boot-making and Carpentry Sections, but the sanitary arrangements in the latter are appalling and we must change conditions here.

5. We visited the Therapy Shop and again saw very useful work being carried out.

6. We wish to record our gratitude to Dr. Aird for his assistance during our tour of inspection.

(Signed) W. LAWLESS.

M. C. ENNIS.

*Order. Refer to Manager.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, PORTRANE.

26th November, 1952.

Having examined the list of special works for 1953/54 as submitted by the Manager, and having discussed the various items with Mr. Chalmers, Chief Engineer, we recommend that a sum of £200 be included in the estimate for the provision of kitchen, lavatory and bathroom annexe in the western Gate Lodge. We, accordingly, recommend that a total sum of £8,340 be included in the Annual Estimates for 1953/54 under this heading.

(Signed) DENIS LARKIN.

WILLIAM LAWLESS.

RICHARD KEANE.

WILLIAM CHASE.

*Order. Noted.*

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#### REPORT OF INSPECTION, GRANGEGORMAN.

27th November, 1952.

1. Having examined the list of Special Works for 1953/54 submitted by the Manager, and having discussed the various items with Mr. John Bennett in the absence of Mr. Judge, Clerk of Works, through illness, and having examined in detail some of the items mentioned in the report, we recommend that the sum of £9,380 be included in the Annual Estimates for 1953-54 under this head.

We recommend that special attention be given under Item (1) to the painting of No. 1 Division.

2. Having considered carefully the proposal to replace the harmonium in the Catholic Church, and having consulted the Rev. Father Moloney, Acting Chaplain, we recommend that in view of the high cost involved in the purchase of the instrument suggested—a Hammond organ—the matter be deferred for twelve months and that any necessary repairs be carried out on the existing harmonium.

(Signed) DENIS LARKIN.

THOMAS P. O'REILLY, P.C.

JAMES ANDREWS.

*Order. Noted.*

#### APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to the Grangeegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees for the ensuing period to 8th January, 1953, date of next meeting of the Board:—

##### GRANGEGERMAN VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

„ W. J. Colman.

„ Richard Keane.

Mr. John Cahill.

##### PORTRANE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Denis Larkin (Chairman).

„ Mrs. Catherine Byrne.

„ C. M. Byrne.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

## MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD.

12th December, 1952.

1. The number of patients resident in the Board's Hospitals on the 9th instant was:—

	Males	Females	Total
In Grangegorman ...	799	1257	2056
In Portrane ...	845	721	1566
Total ...	1644	1978	3622

as compared with:—

9th December, 1951 ...	1585	1938	3523
9th December, 1950 ...	1395	1948	3543
9th December, 1949 ...	1552	1923	3475
9th December, 1948 ...	1531	1845	3376

this year's number being 99 more than on the corresponding date last year and 246 more than on the corresponding date in 1948.

2. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief R.M.S. and the Acting Branch R.M.S. to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal. The two cases of diphtheria in the female house at Grangegorman reported last month are convalescent. Two more suspected cases have been isolated and are at present under investigation.

3. Female patient T. C. (46096), aged 73, slipped and fell in a ward at Grangegorman on the 9th November and sustained a fracture of the left femur. She received immediate medical attention and was attended by a Visiting Surgeon. A week later she developed broncho-pneumonia with cardiac failure, which did not respond to treatment, and she died on the 24th November. An inquest was held by the Coroner with a jury on the 26th November, who found that

the patient died from broncho-pneumonia and cardiac failure accelerated by a hip fracture and that no negligence or blame could be attached to any member of the Board's staff.

On the 14th ultimo female patient M. W. (39158), aged 47 years, complained of feeling unwell in No. 3 Division at Portrane. She was attended to by a Medical Officer and died within a few minutes. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis.

On the 25th ultimo female patient M. A. M. (31651), aged 76 years, who had worked in the Chapel at Portrane for a number of years, was discovered ill there at about 5 p.m. She died before the Acting Branch R.M.S. saw her at about 5.15 p.m. A post-mortem examination showed that the patient had a large cerebral haemorrhage.

The Coroner was notified of these two deaths in Portrane and did not consider an inquest necessary.

4. Male patient M. B. (4248), a liberty patient, failed to attend for supper at Grangegorman on the 29th ultimo. The usual steps were taken to locate him, but so far he has not been traced.

About 6 p.m. on the 10th ultimo, when patients were returning to the dayroom of No. 5 Division in Portrane after supper, male patient J. O'N. (2280) suddenly jumped on a table and apparently swung himself out through a window. He succeeded in making his escape in the dark. He was apprehended by the Gardai at Drumcondra about 8 a.m. on the 11th ultimo and taken to Mountjoy Prison suspected of housebreaking. The Acting Branch R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape.

**5. Accidents to Patients (Grangegorman).—**Female patient E. C. (3990) accidentally fell in No. 25 Division on the 8th November and sustained an impacted fracture of the left femur.

Female patient M. C. (734) was knocked down by another patient on the 13th November and sustained a fracture of the left femur.

Female patient M. C. (39659) slipped and fell in No. 18 Division on the 1st December and fractured her right wrist.

Male patient P. K. (5990) was receiving a course of E.C.T., and, following treatment on the 8th November, complained of pain. He was transferred to Hospital and an X-ray showed a crack fracture of a left rib and a suspected crush fracture of a vertebra with no displacement.

On the 18th November male patient H. J. F. (27637) was pushed by another patient and fell on the dayroom floor. Later he complained of pain in the right elbow. An X-ray showed a slight injury to the bone of the elbow. The patient was treated by a Visiting Surgeon and his arm put in plaster of paris.

Male patient P. J. D. (3020) slipped in No. 3 Division on the 3rd December and sustained an injury to the right leg. He was transferred to Hospital and examined by a Visiting Surgeon. There is evidence of a fracture of the upper thigh, but the report of his X-ray examination is awaited.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

No serious accidents to patients in Portlaoine were reported during the last month.

**6. Accidents to Staff (Grangegorman).—**Nurse A. B. slipped and fell in No. 22 Division corridor on the 17th

ultimo. She sustained facial bruising and was stunned and shocked.

Attendant E. M. received a scald on her forearm when lifting a lid off a boiler on the 4th instant. She will be off duty for a few days.

7. *Accidents to Staff* (Portrane).—Nurse W. R. V. was off duty for two days with a septic finger resulting from a slight injury.

The Matron was off duty for one day with a sprained ankle caused by an accidental fall while on duty.

Nurse M. K. was kicked in the abdomen while trying to control a refractory patient on the 2nd ultimo. She was examined by a Medical Officer but was not off duty as a result of the accident.

8. With reference to the inspection at Grangegorman carried out by Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne and Mrs. E. O'Byrne on the 6th November, I have to report:—

*Item (v)* The divisions mentioned by the Visiting Members will be included in the painting programme for the coming year. The repairs to the Protestant Church have been put in hands since the members' visit.

*Item (vi)* The painting and repair work in Nos. 1, 5 and 10 Divisions will be put in hands next year. The windows in No. 1 Dormitory open to the regulation width.

*Item (vii)* A very limited number of working patients are granted an allowance at the rate of 10/- a month from the Canteen Account, but profits of the Canteen do not permit of the number being increased.

9. With reference to the inspection at Portrane carried out by Councillors D. Larkin (Chairman) and W. J. Colman and Messrs. John Cahill and D. Finn on the 28th October, I have to report:—

*Item (v)* The Chief Engineer is still carrying out tests with various sound systems and the results will be reported in due course.

*Item (vii)* On the 25th November Mr. Tanham, from the Dublin Corporation, and Mr. Reid, from the Dublin County Council, visited Portrane and discussed with the Chief Engineer methods of dealing with the rat infestation. At their request, the Chief Engineer is preparing a plan of the estate showing the points of greatest nuisance, with the help of which the Health Inspectors will prepare a plan of campaign.

10. I have authorised the usual Christmas extras for patients and staff and an extra cinema performance will be given in each hospital during Christmas week.

I have accepted the tender of Mr. Patrick Kelly, 25 Moore Street, for the supply of turkeys (drawn, trussed and ready for cooking) at 4/9d. per lb.

11. Tenders were again invited by public advertisement on the 5th November for the supply of 800 tons of steam coal to Grangegorman and Portrane, and the following were received:—

WELSH STEAM COAL:

12 tenders at prices ranging from £7 12s. 6d. to £7 15s. 8d. per ton delivered.



SCOTCH STEAM COAL:

12 tenders at prices ranging from £6 2s. 6d. to £6 16s. 6d. per ton delivered.

ENGLISH STEAM COAL:

11 tenders at prices ranging from £5 7s. 6d. to £6 11s. 6d. per ton delivered.

IRISH STEAM COAL:

One tender quoting prices ranging from £8 3s. 0d. per ton for large coal to £6 per ton for slack.

On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Wallace Bros. Ltd. for 800 tons of Scotch steam coal at £6 2s. 6d. per ton delivered as being the most advantageous to the Board.

12. Eight tenders were received in response to advertisement for the supply of artificial manures, and the following were accepted, being the lowest in each case:—

McNAMARA & Co., LTD., Drogheda:

40 tons sulphate of ammonia at £17 10s. 0d. per ton.

PAUL & VINCENT LTD., Dublin:

38 tons muriate of potash at £17 per ton.

2 tons sulphate of potash at £23 5s. 0d. per ton.

60 tons superphosphate at £10 5s. 0d. per ton.

I have also accepted the tender of James Cowley & Son, Lusk, for repairs and replacement of harness for Portrane Farm at £20 3s. 0d., being the lower of two tenders received.

13. The Acting Branch R.M.S. and the Chief Engineer, Portrane, recently inspected a bread slicing and buttering machine in operation in a city hospital and recommended it as very suitable for use in Portrane. The machine is capable of cutting and buttering 55 slices of bread per minute, and the thickness of the slices and the quantity of butter applied

can be varied. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I authorised the purchase from Messrs. Evans & Co. Ltd., of one of these machines at a price of £383 2s. 6d., being the lower of two quotations obtained. Delivery of the machine is promised in two to three months, and it is expected that its use will release a number of working patients for other essential jobs.

14. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new Male Visiting Hall at Grangegorman. The contracts for the electrical and mechanical services are proceeding, and the plastering work is making good progress. The roof glazing, with the exception of eight louvre lights, has been completed. On the recommendation of the Architect, I have accepted the tender of Messrs. Lind, Island Street, for Irish Oak Block Flooring at 45/6d. per square yard and the tender of Mr. R. B. Allen, Verschoyle Place, for marble terazzo at 27/6d. per square yard.

15. The new dough mixer ordered for the bakery at Grangegorman has been delivered and installed, and delivery of the scaler is expected within a week. As the prices of these machines were considerably less than was anticipated, I have authorised the purchase of a flour sifter at a cost of approximately £100, the existing sifter being very much out of date and in a poor state of repair.

16. The Minister for Health has approved of application being made to the Local Appointments Commission to recommend a suitable person for appointment to the vacant office of Branch R.M.S. at Portrane, and the usual statutory request has been forwarded to the Commissioners.

17. I hope to have for approval at the Board Meeting on the 18th instant the deed of mortgage in connection with the borrowing of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to meet the cost of new bakery and kitchen equipment in Grangegorman. The loan will be repayable on the instalment system within a period of ten years, with interest at the general rate in force under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935.

18. The Estimates Meeting of the Board must be held on Thursday, 8th January, and I would recommend that the Monthly Meeting of the Board be brought forward by one week to that date, and that, as usual, a meeting of the Board (sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board) be held on Wednesday, 31st December, to consider the draft estimates.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City Manager.*

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#### MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD.

*18th December, 1959.*

19. Since 17th ultimo forty-seven male and forty-seven female patients were admitted, total ninety-four. Eighty-seven of these were Chargeable patients, of whom fifty-one were Temporary, twenty were Voluntary and sixteen Persons

of Unsound Mind. Six Private patients were admitted, of whom four were Temporary and two Voluntary, and one patient was admitted on Order of the Minister for Justice.

20. The total expenditure to date on the conversion of the Old Laundry at Grangegorm into a Male Visiting Hall and Occupational Therapy Department is £6,599. I am applying to the Department of Health for an instalment of £8,500 out of the grant of £10,000 from the Hospitals' Trust Fund allocated to this job.

The Minister's approval has been obtained to the plans prepared by the Consulting Engineer for the provision of outdoor lighting standards along the approach to the Visiting Hall at an estimated cost of £180 and for the reorganisation of the electrical distribution gear located beside the Hall at an estimated cost of £280.

21. Mr. P. L. Farrell, Accountant, has completed his Audit of the Canteen Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1952, and in his report he draws attention to the decline in the rate of gross profit. The decline is almost entirely due to the reduced rate of profit on the sale of tobacco and cigarettes consequent on recent adjustment in prices. In May, 1951, the gross profit on cigarettes was 18.81%. In April, 1952, it was 17.65%, and it is now only 13.96%.

The net profit on the two Canteens for the half-year ended 30th September, 1952, was £805 15s. 7d., as compared with £1,097 10s. 1d. for the half-year ended 31st March, 1952. As a consequence of this decline, it will be necessary to reduce the appropriations from the profits of the canteen.

22. The Board's Architect has prepared a revised sketch plan for the proposed new store buildings at Grangegorman, which I have approved for submission to the Department of Health.

23. At the meeting on 20th November last the Board approved in principle the plans submitted by the Architect for six new staff houses at Portrane and requested particulars of the estimated cost. The Architect advises me that the cost of the six houses will be approximately £11,000—made up of £9,000 for building work and £2,000 for site development, including paths, paving, fences, drainage, septic tank, water main and contingencies.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Manager.*

*Orders made thereon:*

Par. 17. Proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman: "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the deed of mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Four Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Mental Treatment Act, 1945." Passed unanimously.

Par. 18. *Approved.*

Par. 23. *Noted.*

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#### REMUNERATION OF NURSING STAFFS.

The Manager informed the Board that he had received that day from the Department of Health a circular letter (No. A.86/52), dated 17th December, 1952, authorising the

payment of a bonus to nurses and attendants not above charge rank at rates not exceeding 9/- a week for adult male employees and 6/- a week for adult female employees, with effect from a date not earlier than 1st October, 1952. The circular directed that the maximum rates should be reduced by such sum as the Manager considered reasonable in the case of employees in receipt of emoluments in kind or of juveniles.

It was proposed by Mr. T. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. John Smithers, and resolved unanimously:—

" That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, the Manager be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds, in excess of the amount provided in the official Estimate and Demand for 1952-53, on the payment of a bonus in accordance with the terms of the circular from the Department of Health."

DENIS LARKIN,

*Chairman.*

JOHN DUNNE,

*Chief R.M.S.*

E. M. MURRAY,

*Chief Clerk.*

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## Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

### RE 1953-54 ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

The accompanying tables regarding the calculation of the sums set out in the statutory estimate and demand of the Board are furnished for the information of members of the Board, but these tables do not form an integral portion of the statutory estimate and demand.

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TABLE 1.

Showing the Daily Average Number of Patients resident in the Hospital from each County from 1929.

Year ended	SUB-DIVISION OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT				Criminal Lunatics	Non-District	Total
	City of Dublin	Co. Dublin	Co. Wick-low	Co. Louth			
31 Mar. 1929 ...	2,060	759	298	339	75	—	3,531
" 1930 ...	2,183	781	299	331	71	—	3,665
" 1931 ...	2,217	796	296	329	73	—	3,711
" 1932 ...	2,576	444	310	334	75	—	3,739
" 1933 ...	2,601	461	313	341	77	—	3,793
" 1934 ...	2,683	474	322	349	79	—	3,807
" 1935 ...	2,718	487	317	1	75	—	3,598
" 1936 ...	2,715	499	320	—	72	—	3,606
" 1937 ...	2,726	494	331	—	71	—	3,622
" 1938 ...	2,700	503	323	—	71	—	3,597
" 1939 ...	2,737	518	324	—	69	3	3,651
" 1940 ...	2,728	520	314	—	70	10	3,642
" 1941 ...	2,760	516	312	—	66	4	3,658
" 1942 ...	2,703	504	306	—	66	7	3,586
" 1943 ...	2,584	474	284	—	62	6	3,410
" 1944 ...	2,501	453	280	—	56	3	3,293
" 1945 ...	2,507	450	272	—	57	4	3,290
" 1946 ...	2,531	458	270	—	55	8	3,331
" 1947 ...	2,527	477	281	—	53	14	3,352
" 1948 ...	2,458	460	287	—	55	33	3,302
" 1949 ...	2,524	475	291	—	54	22	3,366
" 1950 ...	2,577	493	306	—	50	15	3,441
" 1951 ...	2,641	493	322	—	49	19	3,524
" 1952 ...	2,633	505	330	—	50	15	3,533
Not resident during 7 months ended 31st October, 1952	2,583	524	334	—	52	16	3,611

TABLE 2.  
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

	Present Estimate, 1953-54	Last Estimate, 1952-53
	£	£
Estimated Debit Balance at commencement of year ... ..	—	18,497
Estimated Expenditure, as per Table 3:—		
For Ordinary Expenses ... ..	646,270	629,880
For Repayment of Loans ... ..	16,000	16,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> ...	<b>£662,270</b>	<b>£664,377</b>
	£	£
Estimated Credit Balance at commencement of year ... ..	12,831	—
Estimated Revenue, as per Table 4:—		
For Paying Patients ... ..	35,500	35,400
For Criminal Lunatics and Criminal Lunatic Service Patients and Non- District Patients ... ..	11,000	9,700
For Farm Account Sales, Old Stores, Bank Interest, Superannuation Contributions and Other Deductions from Salaries or Wages and other Miscellaneous Revenue Items ... ..	22,950	20,250
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> ...	<b>£62,281</b>	<b>£65,350</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE (BEING AMOUNT OF NET DEMAND)</b> ... ..	<b>£579,989</b>	<b>£599,027</b>
Net Decrease ... ..	£19,038	

APPORTIONMENT.

	Proportion Payable	Net Demand	Comparison with 1952-53.
City of Dublin	75.783%	£442,612	(A Decrease of £5,741).
County Dublin	14.700%	84,821	(A Decrease of £3,138).
County Wicklow	9.427%	52,556	(A Decrease of £10,159).

TABLE 1.—EXPENDITURE.

Actual Expenditure, 1949-50	Actual Expenditure, 1950-51	Actual Expenditure, 1951-52	Head of Service	Present Estimate 1953-54	Last Estimate 1952-53	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
94,758	106,604	109,761	Food, Drink and Tobacco ....	126,000	115,350	10,750	—
58,744	62,500	67,513	Farm Expenses ....	74,300	66,000	8,300	—
2,900	2,851	2,244	Materials for Washing or Cleansing ....	2,500	2,500	—	—
5,191	9,250	8,729	Medicines ....	7,000	7,000	—	—
49,378	65,745	79,388	Heating, Lighting and Water Supply ....	67,000	73,000	—	6,000
33,017	33,405	48,519	Clothing and Bedding ....	39,000	42,000	—	3,000
8,028	19,862	6,776	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware ....	7,500	8,000	—	500
2,383	3,894	7,651	Medical and Surgical Appliances ....	3,000	4,000	—	1,000
192,934	209,383	231,699	Salaries and Wages ....	244,550	237,000	7,550	—
29,380	37,420	34,102	Superannuations ....	37,000	35,000	2,000	—
13,265	15,299	20,382	Structural alterations, repairs and main- tenance ....	22,720	24,330	—	1,610
2,581	2,424	3,139	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ....	3,000	3,000	—	—
2,978	4,496	3,993	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurances ....	4,500	4,500	—	—
461	413	537	Re-afforestation of Portraze ....	200	600	—	400
6,756	7,031	7,919	Miscellaneous Expenses ....	8,200	7,600	600	—
13,109	12,971	13,932	Loan Charges ....	16,000	16,000	—	—
64	226	120	Maintenance in Other Mental Hospitals ....	100	100	—	—
4515,327	4564,779	4647,114	TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE ....	5002,270	5045,880	436,390	—

TABLE 4.—RECEIPTS.

Actual Receipts. 1949-50	Actual Receipts. 1950-51.	Actual Receipts. 1951-52		Present Estimate 1953-54	Last Estimate 1952-53	Comparison.	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£	RECEIPTS FOR PAYING PATIENTS:—	£	£	£	£
25,572	27,293	29,992	(a) City of Dublin Account ...	27,000	27,000	—	—
8,410	7,034	7,523	(b) Co. Dublin Account ...	6,000	6,000	—	—
2,993	2,560	2,702	(c) Co. Wicklow Account ...	2,500	2,400	100	—
34,743	36,887	40,217	TOTAL FOR PATIENTS FROM CONTRIBUTING AREA ...	35,500	35,400	100	—
3,618	3,404	3,610	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients ...	3,500	3,400	100	—
4,983	3,472	4,333	(e) Criminal Lunatics ...	5,000	3,800	1,200	—
3,807	2,561	2,823	(f) Non-District Patients ...	2,300	2,200	—	—
46,633	46,724	50,992	TOTAL FOR PAYING PATIENTS ...	46,300	43,100	1,400	—
9,312	12,553	7,389	Farm Account Sales ...	8,000	6,000	2,000	—
299	192	256	Sale of Offal and Old Stores ...	300	150	50	—
505	774	531	Interest Allowed by Treasurer ...	—	—	—	—
100	300	216	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	150	—	150	—
7,842	8,334	9,627	Superannuation Contributions ...	9,000	9,000	500	—
5,983	5,034	5,400	Deductions from Salaries and Wages ...	5,100	5,100	—	—
209,896	174,120	174,451	TOTAL ...	209,450	163,350	24,100	—

TABLE 5.

Apportionment of Estimate and Demand for 1953-54 and Comparison with last Estimate.

	City of Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	Total
ESTIMATED DEBIT BALANCES AT 31ST MARCH, 1953 ...	£	£	£	£
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE, 1953-54 :—				
Ordinary Expenses ...	489,764	95,582	60,924	646,270
Repayment of Loans ...	12,125	2,387	1,508	16,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES ...	501,889	97,949	62,432	662,270
ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCES AT 31ST MARCH, 1953 ...	6,549	2,167	4,175	12,831
ESTIMATED REVENUE, 1953-54 :—				
Receipts for Patients credited direct to Contributing Councils ...	27,000	6,000	2,500	35,500
Receipts for Service Patients, Criminal Lunatics and Non- District Patients ...	8,336	1,627	1,037	11,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenue Receipts ...	17,392	3,394	2,164	22,950
TOTAL ASSETS ...	59,277	13,128	9,876	82,281
DIFFERENCE, BEING NEW DEMAND FOR 1953-54 ...	442,612	84,821	52,556	579,989
CORRESPONDING DEMAND, 1952-1953 ...	448,353	87,959	62,715	599,027
COMPARISON ...	Decrease £5,741	Decrease £3,138	Decrease £10,159	Decrease £10,038

TABLE 6

## BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES.

Extract from Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

Section 43 (4). "Where a mental hospital district consists of a county borough and one or more administrative counties, the sum required to defray the expenses incurred by the mental hospital authority for the district during every year ending on the 31st day of March shall be supplied by the corporation of such borough and the council of such county or the councils of such counties severally in proportion to the net cost of maintenance, determined by the prescribed method, of the chargeable patients from their respective functional areas maintained by the mental hospital authority during such year, and the proportionate part of that sum of such council of a county or of each such council of a county shall be raised by means of the poor rate equally over the whole of the county."

The net cost of maintenance of the chargeable patients is determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 105 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

It is impossible to determine in advance the average numbers who will actually be chargeable against each county during the ensuing financial year and for the purpose of apportioning the estimate and demand the latest available figures are taken as a basis, viz., the average numbers resident during the seven months ended 31st October, 1952, which were as follows:—

City of Dublin ...	...	2,685
County Dublin	...	524
County Wicklow	...	334
		<hr/> 3,543*

\*Excluding non-district patients, and criminal lunatics.

On this basis the following table shows the ratio in which the estimated expenses are apportioned against each contributing county compared with last year:—

		1953-54	1952-53	Comparison	
		Estimate	Estimate	Increase	Decrease
City of Dublin ...	...	75.783%	75.815%	—	.032%
County Dublin ...	...	14.790%	14.586%	.204%	—
County Wicklow	...	9.427%	9.599%	—	.172%

TABLE 7.

DETAILS OF ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS,  
ETC.

Materials (only) for ordinary maintenance of buildings, plant and machinery,  
and for structural and engineering repairs :—

	£
GRANGEGERMAN ...	2,500
PORTRANE ...	2,500

Provision for special works, as detailed at foot :—

GRANGEGERMAN ...	9,380
PORTRANE ...	8,340
	<hr/> 22,720

Corresponding amount in 1952/53 ... .. 24,330

Decrease ... .. £1,610

## GRANGEGORMAN.

## PROVISION FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1953/54.

	£
(1) Internal and external painting ... ..	1,500
(2) Redecoration of employees' houses ... ..	350
(3) External pointing ... ..	500
(5) Gutter and R.W. pipe replacement ... ..	250
(6) Farm repairs: buildings, carts and vans ... ..	250
(7) Cleaning heating boilers and boiler houses ... ..	60
* (8) Replacement of five W.C. basins, No. 6 dayroom lavatory ... ..	120
(9) Concrete path repairs and replacements (continuation) ... ..	150
(10) Road resurfacing ... ..	600
(11) Plastering Repairs:—	
(a) Ceiling renewals (Male and Female Houses) ... ..	250
(b) Wall repairs, dormitories and dayrooms, No. 25 Division ... ..	350
(c) External plaster and daubing, Marine Villas ... ..	250
* (12) Renewal of defective floors, Male House ... ..	550
(13) Plumbing repairs, male and female houses (temporary plumber and helper) ... ..	200
(14) Engineering replacements and repairs (temporary fitter and helper) ... ..	200
(15) Miscellaneous electrical repairs, rewiring etc. (temporary electrician and helper) ... ..	200
(16) Santry Court—Repairs to Glasshouses ... ..	250
(17) Nurses' Home—replacement of twelve damaged wash-basins (included in 1951/52 estimates but not carried out) ... ..	100
(18) Sooting and cleaning boiler and economiser flues and Bakery Ovens ... ..	350
(19) Alterations to coal yards, Female House ... ..	200
* (20) Insulation of steam boilers and piping ... ..	300
(21) Provision of new scullery annexes in six staff houses ... ..	400
(22) Provision for Contingencies ... ..	2,000

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 TOTAL ... £9,380

Corresponding amount in 1952/53 Estimate ... £9,130

\* Denotes carried forward from last year.



## PORTRANE.

## PROVISION FOR SPECIAL WORKS DURING 1953/54.

	£
(1) Internal painting, general kitchen and scullery ...	70
(2) " " Laundry washrooms ...	270
(3) " " No. 1 Male Division ...	50
(4) " " No. 1 Female Division ...	100
(5) " " No. 3 Female Division ...	150
(6) " " No. 8 Male Division ...	100
(7) External painting, Avenue Houses ...	120
(8) " " Woodwork, Portrane Farm ...	50
(9) " " Field Gates, Portrane ...	40
(10) " " No. 1 and 10 Divisions ...	220
(11) Internal renovation of Estate Dwelling Houses ...	250
(12) Sheetting damp rooms in six dwellings ...	60
(13) Repairs to roofs and cleaning gutters ...	100
(14) Cleaning boilers, economisers and septic tanks ...	250
(15) Partial roofing repairs, Nos. 8 and 11 Divisions ...	250
(16) Repairs to roads and paths ...	100
(17) Provision for Refuse collecting system, General Kitchen ...	100
(18) Plastering, roofing, lighting and fitting extension to No. 10 Division ...	480
(19) Installation of heating supply to extension to No. 10 Division ...	400
(20) Replacing cookers and range No. 10 Division ...	120
(21) Reconstruction of Sanitary Annexe ...	300
(22) Replacing six laundry trolleys ...	130
(23) Wiring for laundry hand irons ...	80
(24) Partial replacement of stage scenery and footlights ...	100
(25) Replacing two bread machines ...	400
(26) Replacing drill, Fitter's Shop ...	65
(27) Purchase of elevating tower for painting, etc. ...	200
(28) Construction of workers' meal room ...	150
(29) Replacing heating boiler in gardens ...	150
(30) Construction of Loam shed in gardens ...	75
(31) Construction of gates and barrier, Ballymastone Farm ...	75
(32) Concreting portion of yard at Byre, Ballymastone Farm ...	10
(33) Fitting windows to calf stalls, Ballymastone Farm ...	55
(34) Supplying and fitting twelve gates and piers, Ballymastone Farm ...	230
(35) Building up ope and breaches in park wall ...	45
(36) Extension of water supply to three fields, Portrane Farm ...	85
(37) Supply and installing milk cooling plant, Portrane and Turvey Farms (Provisional sum) ...	550
(38) Conversion of old silo pit to store house ...	310
(39) Provision for contingencies ...	2,000
(40) Provision of kitchen, lavatory and bathroom annexe, Western Gate Lodge ...	200

TOTAL ... £8,340

Corresponding amount in 1952/53 Estimate ... £10,200

TABLE 8.

## DETAILS OF " MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES."

	Present Estimate. 1953-54	Last Estimate 1952-53
	£	£
Outdoor Sports and Pastimes .. ..	1,000	1,000
Indoor Games and Amusements .. ..	50	50
Excursions .. ..	250	250
Newspapers and Periodicals—Grangegorman	450	450
Do. Portrane .. ..	250	250
Library Books and Pictures .. ..	50	50
Cinematograph Performances .. ..	500	500
Postage .. ..	350	350
Telephone Service (including Telegrams)—		
Grangegorman	540	540
Do. Portrane .. ..	120	120
Maintenance Contracts, Internal Tele- phones .. ..	600	500
Extermination of Rats .. ..	40	40
Provision for Hospital and Sanatorium charges	720	500
G. N. Railway. Omnibus subsidy .. ..	400	400
Regulating Clocks, Weighing Machines, Musical Instruments, etc. .. ..	270	300
Burials .. ..	50	50
Travelling Expenses of Committee and Staff, Expenses of transfer of Patients to and from Portrane, allowances to Discharged Patients, Expenses Recapturing Escaped Patients, and Cash Gratuities to Special Working Patients .. ..	1,200	1,000
Law Costs (ordinary) .. ..	300	300
Sundry Purchases, including Church Requi- rements, which cannot be classified under ordinary heads of expenditure .. ..	500	400
Window Cleaning, Grangegorman	160	150
Stamp duty on Paying Orders	240	240
Collection of Refuse	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b> .. ..	<b>£8,200</b>	<b>£7,600</b>

TABLE 9.

Table showing Daily Average Number of Patients Resident, and Average Annual Expenditure "per patient" for last ten years.

Year	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE "PER PATIENT"					
		Excluding Repayment of Loans			Including Repayment of Loans		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1942-43	3,410	94	15	8	103	1	11
1943-44	3,293	101	6	0	109	9	7
1944-45	3,290	105	14	10	113	6	8
1945-46	3,331	109	16	5	115	18	6
1946-47	3,352	109	3	6	115	0	5
1947-48	3,302	147	11	0	152	19	2
1948-49	3,366	145	17	2	150	12	7
1949-50	3,441	139	3	11	143	0	2
1950-51	3,524	154	9	9	158	3	4
1951-52	3,533	172	11	7	176	10	5
Last Estimate 1952-53	3,550	171	14	6	176	4	8
Present Estimate	3,620	172	3	9	176	12	2

The gross expenditure per patient is based on the gross Revenue Expenditure of each year, less receipts from farm and garden sales, old stores and miscellaneous receipts.

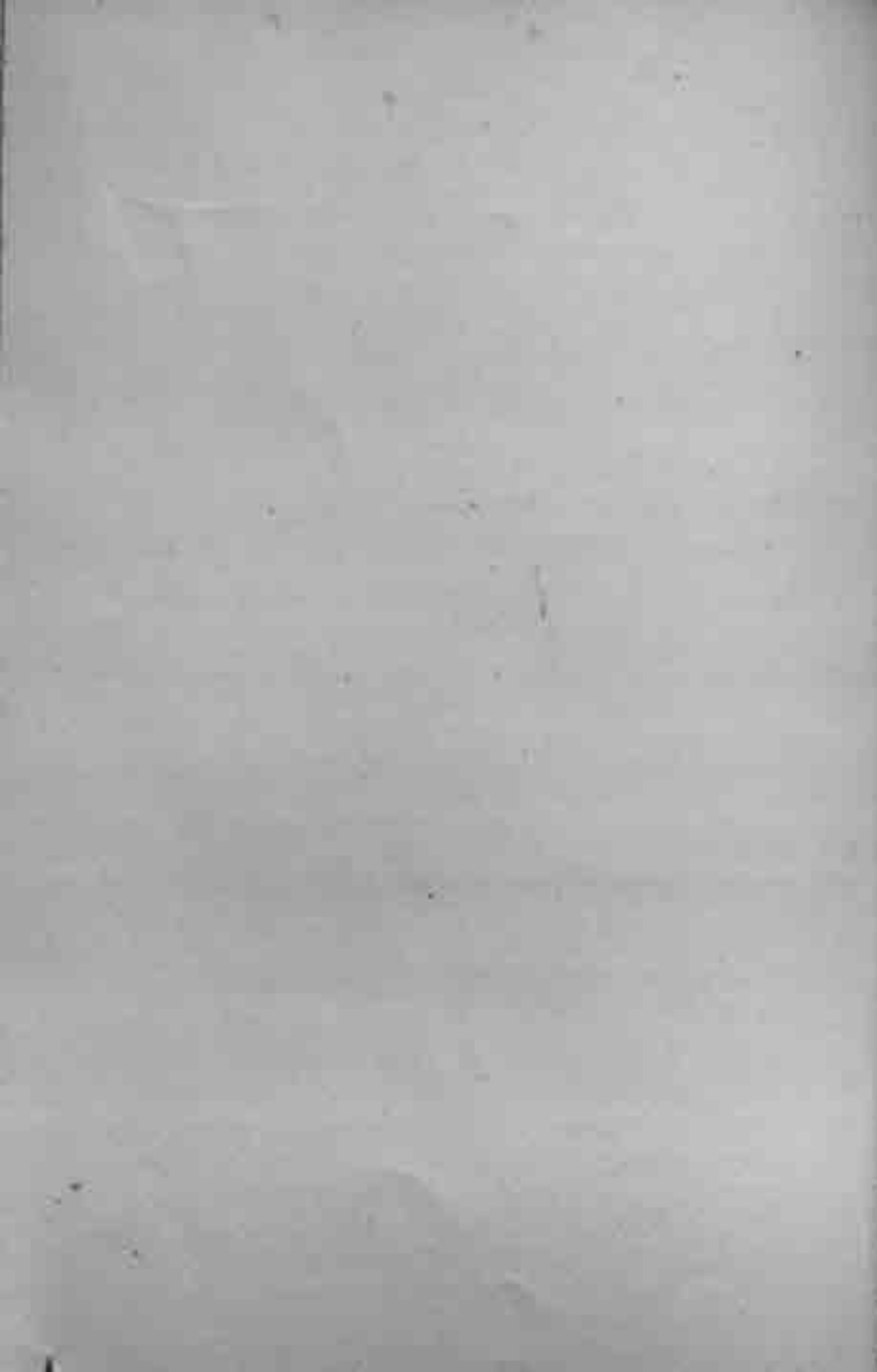
In making same no deduction is made in respect of receipts for paying patients, "acute patients" or criminal lunatics.

**TABLE 10.**  
Comparison of Proposed Net Demand with the Actual Demands on Each County Council since 1932-33.

		City Dublin	County Dublin	County Wicklow	County Louth	Total	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident
		£	£	£	£	£	
1932-33	(Actual Demand)	122,409	17,592	15,898	16,866	172,765	3,793
1933-34	"	126,761	22,706	15,859	—	165,325	3,807
1934-35	"	116,736	21,003	14,027	—	151,766	3,558
1935-36	"	128,351	22,767	15,220	—	166,338	3,606
1936-37	"	140,294	26,329	16,821	—	183,444	3,622
1937-38	"	152,264	25,375	19,907	—	197,576	3,597
1938-39	"	166,342	31,779	20,203	—	218,324	3,661
1939-40	"	172,207	32,962	21,206	—	226,465	3,642
1940-41	"	200,544	39,019	22,782	—	262,345	3,658
1941-42	"	224,060	39,974	25,434	—	289,468	3,586
1942-43	"	218,450	40,006	25,334	—	283,790	3,410
1943-44	"	292,426	51,632	31,131	—	375,189	3,293
1944-45	"	260,733	46,336	31,093	—	338,162	3,290
1945-46	"	240,456	45,020	27,963	—	313,439	3,331
1946-47	"	259,100	47,124	31,602	—	337,826	3,352
1947-48	"	319,618	61,609	35,239	—	416,466	3,302
1948-49	"	367,492	71,061	45,835	—	484,378	3,366
1949-50	"	403,549	73,716	48,061	—	525,326	3,441
1950-51	"	350,423	66,707	41,949	—	459,079	3,534
1951-52	"	433,013	76,234	52,180	—	561,427	3,533
1952-53	"	448,353	87,930	62,715	—	599,027	3,611 (a)
1953-54	Proposed Demand	442,612	84,821	52,556	—	579,989	3,620(b)

(a) Average for 7 months ended 31st October, 1952.

(b) Estimated Average for Financial Year 1953-54.



## Report No. 167.

31st December, 1952.

# Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

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### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD.

A special meeting of the Board, sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board, was held in the Boardroom, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, the 31st day of December, 1952, Councillor C. M. Byrne (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present :—

*City of Dublin Representatives* :—Councillors Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Richard C. Keane, Timothy J. Murray, P.C., Mrs. O'Shea Leamy, P.C., Messrs. William Chase, Thomas O'Reilly, Richard Lawless, John Smithers, Mrs. Essie O'Byrne and Mrs. C. Keeble.

*County Dublin Representatives* :—Councillors James Andrews and Miss M. C. Ennis.

*County Wicklow Representative* :—Councillor Patrick McCarthy.

## MANAGER'S REPORT.

### ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1953/54.

1. In pursuance of Section 23 of the County Management Act, 1940, I have caused to be prepared an estimate in the prescribed form showing the amounts which, in my opinion will be necessary to meet the expenses and to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Board during the financial year ending on 31st March, 1954. A copy of that estimate was sent to each member of the Board on 23rd instant, together with printed Report No. 166 which contains the tables and details of the estimated receipts and expenditure. In a memorandum which accompanied these documents, I explained that Report No. 166 had been printed before receipt of a circular letter from the Department of Health authorising payment of a bonus to certain sections of the staff, with effect as from 1st October, 1952. On 18th instant the Board authorised the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £10,000 in the current financial year 1952-53 on the payment of this bonus, and it is necessary to increase the estimated expenditure on salaries and wages during 1953-54 by £20,000, i.e., the estimated cost for a full year.

Provision for these increases has been made in the proposed official estimate and demand, but the following adjustments must be made in the figures shown in Printed Report No. 166, viz. :—

TABLE 2.—SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

Estimated expenditure on ordinary	
expenses increased from	... £646,270 to £666,270
Total liabilities increased from	... £662,270 to £682,270

Estimated credit balance at commencement of year reduced from	£12,831 to £2,831
Total assets reduced from	... £82,281 to £72,281
Net Demand increased from	... £579,989 to £609,989

TABLE 3.—EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure on salaries and wages increased from	... £244,250 to £264,250
Total expenditure increased from	... £662,270 to £682,270

TABLE 5.—APPORTIONMENT OF ESTIMATE AND DEMAND.

This table has been re-drafted and appears in Paragraph 5 below.

On the basis of the estimate now submitted for the coming year, the total demand would be £609,989 or £10,962 more than the current year's demand which amounts to £599,027.

### FINAL FIGURES FOR 1951-52.

2. When the estimates for the current financial year were made twelve months ago, it was expected that, at 31st March, 1952, there would be a debit balance of £18,497. The final figures for 1951-52 showed a debit balance of £8,685.

### ESTIMATED RESULTS OF 1952-53 WORKING.

3. During the current year, expenditure in excess of the sum provided in the official estimate and demand, amounting to a total of £29,810, has been authorised by the Board pursuant to Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, for the following purposes :—



Date of Authorisation.	Purpose.	Amount £
17th July, 1952 ...	Purchase of Farm Machinery	2,100
17th July, 1952 ...	Increased wages for farm workers	910
16th October, 1952	To meet increased cost of food, drink and tobacco ...	16,800
18th Dec., 1952 ...	Payment of bonus to staff ...	10,000
	Total ...	£29,810

From the figures now available of expenditure and receipts in the current year to date, it is estimated that the year will work out with a credit of £2,831. Expenditure is likely to be in excess of the original estimate by £14,820, but receipts are likely to be up by £7,839. The following table shows how the estimated credit balance is arrived at :—

Estimated debit balance from 1951-52 allowed	£
for in 1952-53 demand ...	18,497
Actual debit balance from 1951-52 ...	8,685
	£9,812
Estimated increased receipts for 1952-53 ...	7,839
	£17,651
Estimated increased expenditure for 1952-53 ...	14,820
Estimated net credit balance at 31st March, 1953	£2,831

#### ESTIMATE FOR COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, 1953-54.

4. The nett increase in the estimated expenditure for the coming year is £36,390. There are estimated increases under five heads amounting to £48,900, but there are estimated

decreases under six heads amounting to £12,510. The following are the principal heads under which increases appear :—

#### FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO.

The amount estimated for the current year was £115,250, but it has already been necessary for the Board during the course of the year to authorise specially additional expenditure under this head to cover increases in the prices of meat, tea, sugar, butter and tobacco. The sum of £126,000 which represents an increase of £10,750 on the original estimate for the current year, is expected to be sufficient to meet requirements for 1953-54, provided there is no upward trend in prices.

#### FARM EXPENSES.

The additional provision of £8,300 under this head is due mainly to increases in (i) farm workers' wage rates; (ii) the cost of purchased livestock and to increased purchases of pigs for fattening at Grangegorman. It is necessary to provide also for the purchase of a considerable quantity of superphosphate which this year was supplied partly from stocks purchased in 1951-52.

#### SALARIES AND WAGES.

An addition of £27,250 to last year's figure is necessary to provide for the temporary bonus referred to in Paragraph 1 above and for increases already granted or contemplated for trades and miscellaneous staffs.

#### SUPERANNUATIONS.

The cost of allowances, gratuities, etc., granted under Part VIII of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, continues to show an increase. The sum of £37,000 proposed to be provided

under this head is based, as accurately as possible, on the general trend shown by the figures to date.

There are estimated reductions under six heads, of which the following are the more important :—

#### HEATING, LIGHTING AND WATER SUPPLY.

There has been a fall in the price of steam coal which is expected to result in a saving this year of about £6,000.

#### CLOTHING AND BEDDING.

The wastage of bedding during the war years has largely been made good and this factor, together with a fall in the price of woollen materials, has permitted of a reduction of £3,000 under this heading.

#### STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS.

Details of proposed expenditure under this heading appear in Table 7 of Report No. 166. The lists of works have been examined and approved by the Grangegorman and Portrane Visiting Committees. The total of £22,720 represents a reduction of £1,610 on the figure for the current year.

#### APPORTIONMENT OF DEMAND.

5. The method of apportioning the expenses between the contributing authorities is explained in Table 6 of Report No. 166 and the actual apportionment is shown in Table 5. For the reason given in Paragraph 1 above it is necessary to revise Table 5 as printed and substitute the following :—

TABLE 5.—APPORTIONMENT.

	City of Dublin	County of Dublin	County Wicklow	Total
	£	£	£	£
Estimated Debit Balance at 31/3/53 ... ..	1,029	—	—	1,029
<i>Estimated Expenditure 1953/ 1954—</i>				
Ordinary Expenses ...	504,921	98,539	62,810	666,270
Repayment of Loans ...	12,125	2,367	1,508	16,000
Total Liabilities ...	£518,075	£100,906	£64,318	£683,299
Estimated Credit Balances at 31/3/53 ... ..	—	628	3,232	3,860
<i>Estimated Revenue, 1953/54—</i>				
Receipts for paying patients credited direct to contributing Councils ...	27,000	6,000	2,500	35,500
Receipts for Service patients, Criminal Lunatics and non-district patients	8,336	1,627	1,037	11,000
Other Misc. Receipts ...	17,392	3,394	2,164	22,950
Total Assets ...	£52,728	£11,049	£8,933	£73,310
Difference, being Net Demand for 1953/54 ... ..	405,347	89,257	55,385	609,989
Corresponding Demand, 1952/53 ... ..	448,353	87,959	62,715	699,027
Comparison { Increase ...	£16,994	£1,298	—	£10,962
{ Decrease ...	—	—	£7,330	—

On the basis of the number of chargeable patients from each area as estimated for 1953–54, the total net requirement has been apportioned as set out in Column 4 of Table B of the official Estimate and Demand. After deduction of estimated receipts in respect of paying patients from each area and allowing for the estimated debit and credit balances at 31st

March, 1953, the net sums to be demanded, if the estimates as submitted are approved by the Board, will be as follows :—

	1953-54.	Last year
Corporation of Dublin ...	£465,347	£448,353
(an increase of £16,994).		
County of Dublin ...	£89,257	£87,959
(an increase of £1,298).		
County of Wicklow ...	£55,385	£62,715
(a decrease of £7,330).		

It will be noted that, although the total proposed demand is increased by £10,962, there is a reduction of £7,330 in the amount payable by County Wicklow.

In my report last January on the estimates for the current year, I drew attention to a continued rise in the number of patients chargeable to County Wicklow, which was the principal cause of a very considerable increase in the demand on that county for 1952-53. At the end of 1951-52, the number of patients from County Wicklow proved to be somewhat less than anticipated, and in the current year, 1952-53 to date, the increase in the number of patients from Wicklow has been proportionately less than the increase in the patients from City of Dublin and County Dublin. As a result, County Wicklow is expected to enter the year 1953-54 with a credit balance of £3,232, as against a debit balance of £5,990, estimated for the beginning of the year 1952-53. Consequently, the nett demand on County Wicklow is down by £7,330, although their proportion of the nett expenditure is up by £1,892.

*Committee of Whole Board, 1273*

*31st December, 1952.*

6. All the figures in the foregoing report have been certified to me by the Chief Clerk and the Accountant. The estimate has already been approved by the City and County Manager, and I recommend it for adoption by the Board.

JOHN P. KEANE,

*Dublin Assistant City and County Manager.*

*31st December, 1952.*

# GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND DEMAND BY THE JOINT BOARD FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1854.

TABLE A.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Board
Estimated Expenditure ... ..	£ 682,270	£
Estimated Receipts (other than receipts in respect of Paying Patients from any of the contributing counties or county boroughs)	33,930	
Net requirement ... ..	£648,320	

TABLE B.—CALCULATION OF SUM TO BE DEMANDED.

Contributing Counties or County Boroughs	Estimated daily average No. of patients for the year	Estimated Balance against at close of current year	Apportioned share of net requirements for year	Total	Receipts in respect of Paying Pat- ients from the County or Co. Boro'	Estimated balance in favour at close of current year	Total	Net sum demanded
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Co. Borough of Dublin	2,685	1,029	491,318	492,347	27,000	—	27,000	465,347
County of Dublin ...	534	—	95,885	95,885	6,000	628	6,628	89,257
County of Wicklow	334	—	61,117	61,117	2,000	2,232	5,732	55,385
	3,543	£1,029	£648,320	£649,349	£35,000	£3,860	£39,360	£609,989

### MANAGER'S REPORT.

The draft estimate and the Manager's Report thereon were discussed in detail. The following resolution, proposed by Councillor W. J. Colman, and seconded by Mrs. C. Keeble, was adopted unanimously :—

"That, having carefully examined the estimate of probable balances at 31st March, 1953, and the various estimates of Receipts and Expenses as set out in detail in Report No. 166 and having considered the Manager's Report thereon, we recommend to the Board that the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing financial year, 1953-54 be approved and adopted, and that the Chairman and the Chief Clerk be authorised to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for the following amounts :—

Corporation of Dublin	...	£465,347
County Council of Dublin	...	£89,257
County Council of Wicklow	...	£55,385

£609,989."

On the motion of Mr. John Smithers, seconded by Councillor W. J. Colman, it was decided to forward a copy of the Manager's Report and of the Committee's recommendation to the public press.

E. M. MURRAY,  
*Chief Clerk.*

C. M. BYRNE,  
*Chairman.*  
JOHN DUNNE,  
*Chief R.M.S.*



FALCONER, DUBLIN.

